

Tynecastle High School
S4/5/6 Home Learning Booklet
2014-2015



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The Power of Three

To achieve success, three key people must work well together:

- the student
- the teacher
- the parent/carer

The Power of Three is the most important ingredient of success at school.

Students should:

- Bring their student learning planner every day
- Keep a careful note of what is required and when it is due
- Plan ahead
- Make time to do homework carefully and well - take advantage of any study opportunities offered in school
- Look for help well when stuck or frustrated
- Make sure that completed homework is handed in on or before the date due

Teachers should:

- Set homework which is at the right level
- Be aware of other pressures and responsibilities students may have
- Present homework tasks appropriately
- Allow sufficient time for all students to record the task in their student learning planner
- Be realistic about deadlines
- Check on homework done and give feedback
- Give recognition and reward for effort and work well done

Parents/carers should:

- Check the student learning planner on a regular basis
- Ensure that students are making their best effort to complete homework
- Talk with students about what is being learned and sign the planner once a week
- Listen to worries and complaints and be patient
- Get in touch with the school if there are concerns

DESIGN FACULTY

Art & Design	Amount per week	Students are expected to spend up to 1-2 hours
	Frequency	Weekly
	Nature & Purpose	Students will be expected to maintain a sketchbook on a weekly basis and collect or produce personal research as part of their course work. In addition, student will have to undertake personal investigation of artists and their work for the Critical element of the course

Graphic Communication	Amount per week	Students are expected to spend up to 1-2 hours
	Frequency	Weekly, as well as a range of deadlines to be met across the year
	Nature & Purpose	Students will have a range of work - drawings to be completed on a drawing board, theory work, and folio based computer tasks. Access to specialist equipment/software is available after school when prearranged with staff in the department. Specialist equipment can also be purchased through the department to allow students to use these at home.

Design & Manufacture	Amount per week	Students are expected to spend between 30 minutes and 1 hour
	Frequency	Weekly
	Nature & Purpose	Students are issued with homework sheets

Health and Food Technology/ Lifestyle and Consumer Technology	Amount per week	Students are expected to spend between 30 minutes and 2 hours
	Frequency	Weekly
	Nature & Purpose	Students are issued with questions sheets and jotter work

ENGLISH

English	Amount per week	Students are expected to spend between 1 and 2 hours
	Frequency	Weekly/Fortnightly
	Nature & Purpose	Longer pieces of written work. Preparation of folio pieces for NQ courses.

MATHS

Maths	Amount per week	Students are expected to spend between 45 minutes and 2 hours
	Frequency	Weekly
	Nature & Purpose	Students are issued with Q&A sheets or online assignments. Revision of classwork to consolidate learning.

MODERN LANGUAGES

Modern Languages	Amount per week	Students are expected to spend between 30 minutes and 2 hours
	Frequency	Twice a week
	Nature & Purpose	Preparing for speaking, listening, reading and writing assignments. A variety of written tasks including reading and comprehension work. Students will be expected to access materials via Edmodo for some tasks and the Scholar online resource will also be regularly used.

PERFORMANCE FACULTY

Drama	Amount per week	Students are expected to spend up to 30 minutes
	Frequency	Weekly
	Nature & Purpose	Consolidation of classwork, learning of lines, reflection on and evaluation of performances.

Music	Amount per week	Students are expected to spend at least 1 hour practising, and also completing one other task.
	Frequency	Weekly
	Nature & Purpose	Consolidation of understanding music and composition.

Physical Education	Amount per week	Students are expected to spend between 30 minutes and 1 hour
	Frequency	Weekly
	Nature & Purpose	Watching pre-class clips, reviewing their own performances, uploading evaluations or personal reflections on performance.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education	Amount per week	Students are expected to spend between 30 minutes and 1 hour
	Frequency	Weekly
	Nature & Purpose	Independent study for presentation

SCIENCE FACULTY

Biology	Amount per week	Students are expected to spend up to 30 minutes for N4/5 and up to 2-3 hours for Higher and Advanced Higher
	Frequency	Weekly
	Nature & Purpose	10 facts of the week list, linking last content to next content, short answer questions to consolidate learning, revision exercises, past paper questions, individual research.

Chemistry	Amount per week	Students are expected to spend up to 30 minutes for N4/5 and up to 2-3 hours for Higher and Advanced Higher
	Frequency	Weekly
	Nature & Purpose	10 facts of the week list, linking last content to next content, short answer questions to consolidate learning, revision exercises, past paper questions, individual research.

Physics	Amount per week	Students are expected to spend up to 30 minutes for N4/5 and up to 2-3 hours for Higher and Advanced Higher
	Frequency	Weekly
	Nature & Purpose	10 facts of the week list, linking last content to next content, short answer questions to consolidate learning, revision exercises, past paper questions, individual research.

SOCIAL SUBJECTS FACULTY

Geography	Amount per week	Students are expected to spend between 30 minutes and 1 hour and to use revision notes
	Frequency	Weekly
	Nature & Purpose	Researching and consolidating classwork

History	Amount per week	Students are expected to spend between 30 minutes and 1 hour
	Frequency	Weekly
	Nature & Purpose	Consolidation of classwork, extended writing, past paper practice

Modern Studies	Amount per week	Students are expected to spend between 30 minutes and 1 hour
	Frequency	Weekly
	Nature & Purpose	Researching, consolidating classwork

TECHNOLOGIES FACULTY

Business Studies/ Accountancy/ Administration	Amount per week	Students are expected to spend between 30 minutes and 2 hours
	Frequency	Weekly/Fortnightly
	Nature & Purpose	Past papers

Computing	Amount per week	Students are expected to spend between 30 minutes and 2 hours
	Frequency	Weekly
	Nature & Purpose	Consolidation of classwork