



# Home Learning

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Following our return to College, we wish to continue to build on the excellent independent learning skills our students developed last year.

Home Learning is a formal part of the curriculum at Denton Community College and the work set is monitored by classroom teachers and quality assured by the Senior Leadership Team. As always, our aim is to provide a curriculum that:

- remains broad and balanced
- remains engaging and stimulating for students

There are two parts to our Home Learning provision:

- Weekly Tasks for all students (what we previously called homework)
- Curriculum resources to support students who may have been absent from school in catching up

## Routines and Expectations

### Weekly Tasks

The Weekly Tasks will be set through Google Classroom.

### Expectations

- English, maths and science - 1 Weekly Task each week (45 minutes at KS3, 1 hour at KS4)
- All other subjects - 1 Weekly Task each fortnight (45 minutes at KS3, 1 hour at KS4)

The purpose of the Weekly Tasks are to help students remember what they have learnt, to extend their understanding of the curriculum and enrich their cultural experience.

In order to continue to develop independent learning skills, students will be expected to organise their time across the two week timetable to meet the deadlines set by their subject teachers.

Please note that some key stage subjects may set a Weekly Task which will run over several weeks. This will be more likely in subjects that are more practically based or whose final assessment consists of non-examined components (e.g. coursework).

## Curriculum Resources

To support students in returning to learning after a period of absence, classroom teachers will make curriculum resources available. If you would like work to be set for your child while they are absent because they are well enough to complete work, please contact their Head of Year who will communicate with their subject teachers.

This will be set on Google Classroom and resources that may be uploaded could include:

- PowerPoints
- Worksheets
- Website links
- Video links

Please note that these resources are no different to the ones used in lessons and can be accessed by all students. Unlike the period post lockdown, where many students were self-isolating due to being close contacts of confirmed Covid-19 cases, curriculum resources will now only be posted when requested, to enable students who are well enough to be able to access the learning whilst at home.

If you have any questions about how the resources can be used to support a student in catching up, please contact your child's teacher. Students can also contact their class teachers directly through Google Classroom.

We will be developing the Denton Community College VLE this year in preparation for any future eventualities. When complete, the VLE will have the full range of lesson resources and is accessible via the school website.

### Frequently Asked Questions:

#### Where can I find contact details for my child's form tutor?

Please click [here](#) for access to the form tutor list.

#### What if my child has forgotten their password or is struggling to access their online work?

Should your child be unable to access Google Classroom, please email: [googlereset@dentoncommunitycollege.org.uk](mailto:googlereset@dentoncommunitycollege.org.uk) and ask for a password reset.

#### What if we do not have a computer or limited internet access?

We may be able to support you with technology or internet access. A number of internet service providers also have offers available. Please email your child's Head of Year and they will advise you on what support can be offered.

#### What do I do if my child needs paper resources?

Please contact your child's Head of Year. We will also help troubleshoot any ICT issues your child may have so that they can access their work through Google Classroom as soon as possible.

#### How can I see if my child is completing their work in all subjects to a good standard?

You can request an update from your child's form tutor by emailing the link provided on the website.

#### Can I see what work is being set on Google Classroom?

You can have access to a guardian summary email which will detail the task, deadline and topic for each subject. You can choose to have these daily or weekly. If you would like to receive these notifications, please email your child's form tutor who will be able to send you an email invite to the guardian summary. You can find out more [here](#).

#### How do I support my child's well-being when managing assignment deadlines?

Students will be set a deadline for the completion of work. If you or your child have concerns, please contact the subject teacher. Additionally, there is a video that explains how the 'to do' list works [here](#)

#### My child has additional needs. How will you work with me to support their Home Learning?

We recognise that some students with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) may need additional support to access Home Learning. We acknowledge the difficulties this may place on families and we will work with parents and carers to support those students. If you have any concerns, please contact your child's form tutor.

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