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Key Stage 4 Home Learning

Preparation & Consolidation

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Home Learning

At Ashmole Academy, homework is referred to as Preparation & Consolidation and plays a vital role in supporting learning. It enables students to prepare effectively for upcoming lessons and to consolidate and deepen their understanding following classroom teaching. By engaging thoughtfully with this work, students are encouraged to approach their learning with commitment and determination, building the habits needed to succeed academically.

High-quality Preparation & Consolidation work supports progress by allowing students to revisit key knowledge, practise essential skills and reflect meaningfully on their learning. Students are expected to complete tasks independently, manage their time effectively and present their work to a high standard, helping them to develop strong organisational skills and a professional approach to their studies. Through regular reflection, students are able to recognise their strengths, address misconceptions and take ownership of their next steps.

We believe that Preparation & Consolidation work plays an important role in developing confident, responsible learners who are well prepared for lessons and equipped with the skills and mindset required for success both at Ashmole Academy
and beyond.





Key Stage 4

Lesson

Prep

An opportunity for students to prepare for engagement in a future lesson. Students complete these in readiness for a lesson.

Consolidate

An opportunity for students to reflect on their learning by reviewing or practising. Students complete these tasks according to teachers' deadlines.

Twice per cycle

Each Option
Maths
English
Each Science

Once per cycle

RS

Art

Outline of your KS4 provision:

At the start of the course, they are guided in producing work that meets the GCSE assessment objectives. This includes learning how to research and respond to artists' work, experimenting with a wide range of materials and techniques, and developing skills in drawing, painting and other creative processes. Students will create a variety of outcomes that demonstrate their growing artistic abilities and understanding. As the course progresses, students are encouraged to take greater ownership of their work by developing their own ideas and personal themes.

Outline of typical Preparation tasks:

1. Ensure artist research and response is complete.
2. Decide if Environment or the New Idea is the most successful, complete a new photoshoot relating to the theme.
3. Either print the photographs, or attach them to this task, to print in school.

- In the lesson your will be producing more observations developed from the photoshoot.

Outline of typical Consolidation tasks:

1. Use the critical analysis of an Art worksheet to complete the analysis produced in lesson.
2. Complete the visual response to the artist, started in lesson.
3. Show their influence in either technique or subject matter.
4. Challenge- produce a second response to the artist, developed from another photograph, using a different material or technique.

Additional Home Learning ideas:

- https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z6hs34j
- https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/art-and-design-2016/exemplar-library.html
- https://www.timeout.com/london/art

BITESIZE Pearson Time Out

Biology

Outline of your KS4 provision:

At Key Stage 4, students are provided with a Preparation & Consolidation booklet to allow them to review & consolidate or prepare for learning from their current topic, complete consolidation revision for the GCSE and practice exam questions to support with their examination technique.

Outline of typical Preparation tasks:

- This usually requires the students to carry out some reading or research around the topic of
- the forthcoming lesson. The tasks are always designed to be simple enough for students to be
- able to complete without expert support or prior knowledge.

Outline of typical Consolidation tasks:

- These predominantly consist of exam questions selected and focussed on the material that was taught in the previous lesson

Additional Home Learning ideas:

- Knowledge banks, reading material and exam questions on Google Sites
- Cognito for free videos and exam style questions. Simply register.
- GCSE BBC Bitesize – Podcasts and Revision tasks

BITESIZE



Product Design

Outline of your KS4 provision:

At GCSE, students use a preparation and consolidation theory booklet to support current learning, reinforce GCSE content and practise exam-style questions. Tasks focus on key vocabulary, design research, materials and techniques to inform their practical work.

Outline of typical Preparation tasks:

- Research tasks (designers, products, materials, and manufacturing processes)
- Learning key vocabulary and technical terminology
- Sketching and design planning activities
- Exam question planning and preparation
- Pre-reading of relevant case studies and design contexts



Outline of typical Consolidation tasks:

- Exam-style questions
- Knowledge recall and retrieval activities
- Product analysis and evaluation tasks
- Revision using knowledge organisers
- Teacher-set quizzes and independent revision tasks

Additional Home Learning ideas:

- Google Sites
- GCSE past papers from the Pearson Exam Board.
- BBC Bitesize Design and Technology EDEXCEL www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize
- QUIZLET Ashmole_Technology www.quizlet.com

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Religious Studies

Outline of your KS4 provision:

GCSE students will prepare for lessons by reflecting on their views on an issue or researching key words that will be important. They consolidate this though exam practice, further reflection, and self-testing of key words.

Outline of typical Preparation tasks:

- **R.E**search - to find out useful information for the next lesson
- **R.E**flect - on personal views on an issue

Outline of typical Consolidation tasks:

- **R.E**vise - key information
- **R.E**call - key terms and key knowledge
- Exam practice - ensuring students feel more secure on key skills

Additional Home Learning ideas:

- Revision materials on Google Sites
- AQA GCSE RS Past Papers
- GCSE BBC Bitesize and Seneca Learning

Google Sites AQA BITESIZE SENECA



Spanish

Outline of your KS4 provision:

At Key Stage 4, students are provided with Prep and Consolidation tasks that allow them to consolidate learning from their current topic, prepare for future learning, create useful revision resources for GCSE, and practise exam questions to support their examination technique.

Outline of typical Preparation tasks:

- Revise key topic vocabulary on Quizlet
- Revisit grammar points or grammatical structures
- Review speaking questions in preparation for upcoming lessons

Outline of typical Consolidation tasks:

- Complete online exam-style reading and listening questions
- Complete grammar exercises
- Plan and/or write 50-, 90- or 150-word writing tasks
- Answer questions using the knowledge organiser



Additional Home Learning ideas:

- AQA | Resources | Past Papers & AQA Mark Schemes
- languages online

Quizlet AQA languages online

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