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Key Stage 3 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 3

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

English

Maths

Science

Once per cycle

All other subjects

Art

Outline of your KS3 provision:

At Key Stage 3, prep and consolidation tasks for our Art students aim to allow them to choose and respond to source material of their interest.

Outline of typical Preparation tasks:

- Preparation tasks can include bringing in source material for drawing.
- Also students can be asked to prepare drawings at home, ready to be painted in class.

Outline of typical Consolidation tasks:

- Consolidating colour theory knowledge by applying complimentary colours to a drawing of a man-made object. (consolidation)
- Consolidate written artist analysis knowledge by applying class gained knowledge to consolidation tasks at home

Additional Home Learning ideas:

- BBC Bitesize - drawing techniques and skills - Drawing techniques - Drawing - National 5 Art and Design Revision - BBC Bitesize
- Visit galleries and workshops in the community and London

BITESIZE



Computing



Outline of your KS3 provision:

At Key Stage 3 Educake is used as the core compulsory Preparation & Consolidation platform. One Educake task is set each cycle and is designed to take between 15-30 minutes to complete. Educake is an online platform that provides immediate feedback and allows students to revisit questions they got wrong. This helps to build confidence, fluency and independence in Computer Science.

Additional Home Learning ideas:

- Codecademy.com:
  - The Learn Python 2 course is free and although we teach Python 3 at school, the differences are minimal
  - There are free trials and paid subscriptions if students want access to the Python 3 content
- Other online coding practice resources:
  - codingforkids.io
  - learnpython.org
  - practicepython.org

Educake

CODING FOR KIDS

learnpython.org

PRACTICE PYTHON
Beginner Python exercises

codecademy

Drama

Outline of your KS3 provision:

In KS3 Drama, students will undertake preparation and consolidation tasks that support and extend learning beyond the classroom. These activities are designed to develop students' understanding of drama and theatre, while enhancing their creative, analytical, and reflective skills.

Outline of typical Preparation tasks:

- Read an extract ahead of a lesson
- Research a particular style of theatre and create a poster
- Learn lines

Outline of typical Consolidation tasks:

- Write a monologue/diary entry for your character
- Complete a quiz on a theatre style learnt about in class
- Evaluate performance



Additional Home Learning ideas:

- Read plays and scripts from a variety of period and genres
- Watch theatre on the National Theatre Collection (Drama dept can provide username and password
- Write a review for a tv show/film/theatre production you have watched
- Drama - BBC Bitesize

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English



Outline of your KS3 provision:

Prep and Consolidation for KS3 English enables students to prepare for upcoming lessons by reading and summarising core information as well as carrying out research into current topics. Tasks offer a balance of consolidating core reading and writing skills as well as more creative projects that enable students to make connections between the English curriculum and the world around them.

Outline of typical Preparation tasks:

- Pre-reading extracts
- Pre-learning key spellings
- Researching the historical context of a text or author

Outline of typical Consolidation tasks:

- Writing a character diary, letter or monologue
- Creating mind maps and posters
- Creating theatre set designs
- Learning a short speech or poem to perform

Additional Home Learning ideas:

- Complete 30 minutes independent reading each week
- Completing 30 minutes of Bedrock each week (Year 7 and 8 only) Digital Literacy Curriculum | Bedrock Learning
- Use BBC Bitesize to find out more about key skills and topics

French

Outline of your KS3 provision:

Prep and Consolidation for KS3 French enables students to prepare for upcoming lessons by learning, practising and applying key vocabulary, grammar and language structures. Tasks offer a balance of consolidating core vocabulary, grammar, listening, reading and writing skills, as well as more creative projects that enable students to make connections between the French curriculum, francophone cultures and the wider world around them.

Outline of typical Preparation tasks:

- Learn key vocabulary online.
- Complete short writing activities using current topic language.
- Research an aspect of francophone culture.

Outline of typical Consolidation tasks:

- Reading and listening tasks online
- Phonics tasks practising pronunciation, sound-spelling links and recognition of key words or phrases
- Complete grammar exercises
- Practise answers for a speaking activity

Additional Home Learning ideas:

- https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z7t8kmn/articles/zkt747h
- https://quizlet.com/latest

Quizlet BITESIZE



Geography



Outline of your KS3 provision:

At KS3 Geography, students will complete a variety of prep and consolidation tasks linked to their taught topics.

Students also have access to the Educake platform where quizzes are set by teachers to support retrieval knowledge.

Outline of typical Preparation tasks:

In Geography, preparation tasks may include:

- Reading tasks
- Research tasks (case studies, key terms)
- Presentation preparation

Outline of typical Consolidation tasks:

Consolidation tasks may include completing:

- Quizzes
- Educake
- Questions
- Mind maps to connect learning
- Written tasks

Additional Home Learning ideas:

Additional Home Learning Options include:

- Students can 'self test' on Educake
- BBC Bitesize

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Educake

History

Outline of your KS3 provision:

Key Stage 3 History students can be asked to come to lessons having researched topics beforehand, as well as knowing keywords. Once a topic has been covered in the classroom, students are often tasked with analysing the event and giving their views on the past.

Outline of typical Preparation tasks:

- Research Task
- Keyword definitions and spellings
- Project Presentation work

Outline of typical Consolidation tasks:

- Final conclusions and analysis paragraphs
- Knowledge recall quizzes



Additional Home Learning ideas:

- Knowledge banks and reading material on Google Sites
- Homeschool History Podcasts
- BBC Bitesize

Google Sites

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Maths

Outline of your KS3 provision:

At Key Stage 3 and KS4, Sparx Maths is used as the core compulsory Preparation & Consolidation platform. One Sparx task is set each week and is designed to take between 40 minutes and one hour to complete. Sparx is an online platform that adapts to prior learning, revisits key skills and provides immediate feedback, helping to build confidence, fluency and independence in mathematics.



Sparx Maths

Corbettmaths

Dr Austin Maths

Additional Home Learning ideas:

Corbettmaths:

- Watch clear instructional videos on key topics
- Complete the 5-a-day questions
- Complete practice questions at a range of difficulty levels
- Use topic-based worksheets to reinforce classroom learning

Dr Austin Maths:

- Step-by-step explanations of mathematical methods
- Worked examples to model high-quality responses
- Clear guidance on problem-solving strategies

Music

Outline of your KS3 provision:

Tasks help students develop their critical listening and analysis skills, and to embed their understanding of the core musical and theoretical concepts studied in lessons. Tasks are assigned using apps such as Elemental and Teaching Gadget.

Outline of typical Preparation tasks:

Preparation tasks typically focus on the introduction of musical elements, and concepts related to the musical elements. Students hear use both examples and non-examples of the concepts they are learning to embed their understanding and aural recognition abilities.

Additional Home Learning ideas:

- https://elementalmusic.app/
- https://teachinggadget.com/
- https://www.beatonline.org.uk/site/

Elemental

Outline of typical Consolidation tasks:

Consolidation tasks include listening activities and quizzes which relate to the specific musical elements and features students have learned about, where they practise identifying features aurally.



PE

Outline of your KS3 provision:

The curriculum is designed to develop competence, confidence and enjoyment through a broad range of individual and team activities.

Students experience a three-sport rotation each term, ensuring exposure to invasion games, net/wall games, striking and fielding, athletics, fitness, dance, gymnastics and outdoor activities where appropriate.

Lessons focus on developing practical performance, tactical understanding, leadership, officiating, communication and teamwork.



Outline of typical Preparation tasks:

Preparation tasks are designed to activate prior knowledge before practical lessons and may include

- Watching a short demonstration video of a skill.
- Identifying key rules of an activity.
- Completing a retrieval quiz from previous learning.

Outline of typical Consolidation tasks:

Consolidation tasks reinforce learning after lessons and may include:

- Reflecting on individual performance and setting improvement targets.
- Explaining rules and tactics through written or digital activities.
- Creating training plans to improve a component of fitness.
- Evaluating teamwork and leadership shown during lessons.
- Completing short GCSE-style theory links where appropriate.

Additional Home Learning ideas:

- Attend an extracurricular sports club.
- Complete a weekly fitness challenge.
- Watch and analyse a professional sporting performance.

Religious Studies

Outline of your KS3 provision:

Tasks encourage students to explore content that will be useful in future lessons, consolidate content covered previously or research new information to add to that which they have studied.

Outline of typical Preparation tasks:

- **R.E**search - to find out useful information for the next lesson
- **R.E**ad and **R.E**flect - to explore useful information for next lesson

Outline of typical Consolidation tasks:

- **R.E**ad - to consolidate useful information from the lesson
- **R.E**vise - to consolidate key words and key learning

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Additional Home Learning ideas:

- BBC Bitesize has a range of clear explanations of the different beliefs and practices of a range of worldviews.

Science

Outline of your KS3 provision:

KS3 Science students are supported in familiarising themselves with new vocabulary prior to the lesson and encouraged to evaluate methodologies prior to completing practical work in class. Consolidation tasks help students to apply their scientific knowledge within a different context. Students also have access to the Educake platform where quizzes are set by teachers to support retrieval knowledge.

Outline of typical Preparation tasks:

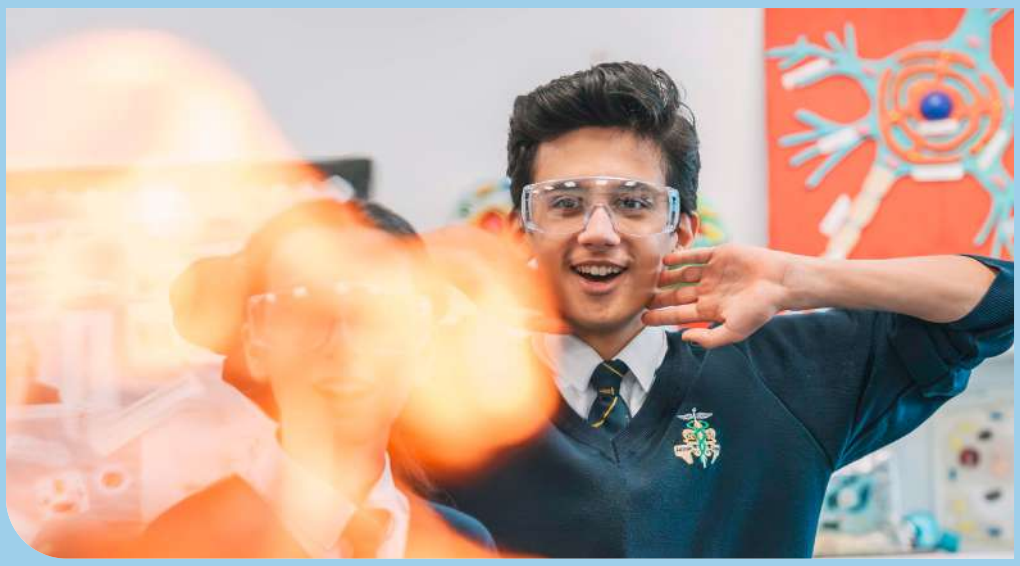
- Keywords definitions and spelling
- Watching a clip of an investigation and writing a risk assessment
- Researching the work of a key scientist linked to the curriculum

Outline of typical Consolidation tasks:

- Keywords definitions and spelling
- Watching a clip of an investigation and writing a risk assessment
- Researching the work of a key scientist linked to the curriculum

Additional Home Learning ideas:

- Educake
- Bitesize
- Legacy KS3 Science SATs questions



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Educake

Spanish



BITESIZE Quizlet

Languages online

Outline of your KS3 provision:

Prep and Consolidation for KS3 Spanish enables students to prepare for upcoming lessons by learning, practising and applying key vocabulary, grammar and language structures. Tasks offer a balance of consolidating core vocabulary, grammar, listening, reading and writing skills, as well as more creative projects that enable students to make connections between the Spanish curriculum, Hispanic cultures and the wider world around them.

Outline of typical Preparation tasks:

- Learn key vocabulary online.
- Complete short writing activities using current topic language.
- Research an aspect of Hispanic culture.

Outline of typical Consolidation tasks:

- Reading and listening tasks online
- Phonics tasks practising pronunciation, sound-spelling links and recognition of key words or phrases
- Complete grammar exercises
- Practise answers for a speaking activity

Additional Home Learning ideas:

- KS3 Spanish - BBC Bitesize
- https://www.languagesonline.org.uk/Hotpotatoes/spanishindex.html#Grammar
- Quizlet

Tech + Food

Outline of your KS3 provision:

Tasks help students consolidate learning linked to their taught topics and prepare for future lessons. They develop practical and creative skills through activities such as research, design work, product evaluation, including tasks related to nutrition, food safety and food preparation. Teacher-set quizzes may also be used to support the retrieval of key knowledge.

Outline of typical Preparation tasks:

- Research tasks
- Key vocabulary and technical terms
- Design and evaluation activities
- Reading or video-based tasks
- Preparation for practical lessons

Outline of typical Consolidation tasks:

- Product evaluation
- Design improvements and reflections
- Research and revision tasks
- Teacher-set quizzes
- Questions that apply and extend knowledge

Additional Home Learning ideas:

- Explore the work of designers, engineers, and architects from different periods and styles
- Watch programmes or short videos about design, manufacturing, or food and nutrition
- Evaluate products used at home and suggest improvements
- Use online resources such as BBC Bitesize to explore key skills and topics



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Quizlet

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Textile Forum ukft

V&A

the DESIGN MUSEUM

DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY ASSOCIATION





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