



Monday 2nd December 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to you to provide information about English homework at Wootton Upper School.

Why do we set English homework?

Our English team feel it is really important to give your child the opportunity to read, revise, consolidate and/or practice the key skills and knowledge that we teach them. Without this time to go over the important things, there is a risk it will not move into their long-term memory, and simply be forgotten.

Our English curriculum is like a ladder; pupils need to have mastered the current 'step' otherwise it makes the next step much harder for them.

Many of our pupils complete their homework on time, with good scores, which demonstrate they are making good progress. This helps and supports them in each lesson, building their confidence along the way.

However, if your child is not completing their weekly English tasks, there is a risk they will not be able to recall the key skills and knowledge we have taught them. This in turn can impact on their confidence and ultimately their achievement at the end of Year 11.

We want all our pupils to achieve the best outcome possible for them; completing homework every week is one way you support them to do this.

English Homework – Key Information

For all year groups, **English homework is set every Monday. It is due the following Monday** so pupils always have 1 week to complete it.

This half term homework is set on Seneca for all year groups. If your child has forgotten their password, they can ask their English teacher who can reset it.

Later in the year, homework may be set on a different platform, or for Year 11, be handwritten exam papers.

Homework should take between 30-60 minutes, depending on the year and the task.

Seneca is not a test. It is a learning tool. If pupils do not know the answer, they should use their English book or Google to find it, rather than just get the answer wrong. Homework should be seen as a learning opportunity to close any knowledge gaps. Based on this approach, we expect nearly every pupil to achieve 80% or higher each week.



School Support

The library is open at lunchtime and after school where pupils can use computers, or ask for support if needed.

We run Year 11 revision sessions on a Wednesday lunchtime and a Thursday after school.

Autumn 2 Homework:

Year 9 English Homework

Task (write in your planner)	Set at 3pm each Monday afternoon	Due by 8am each Monday morning
1. 15 minutes of private reading 2. 1-15 of literary sheet 3. Seneca quiz.	11 th November	18 th November
1. 15 minutes of private reading 2. 16-30 of literary sheet 3. Seneca quiz.	18 th November	25 th November
1. 15 minutes of private reading 2. 31-45 of literary sheet 3. Seneca quiz.	25 th November	2 nd December
1. 15 minutes of private reading 2. 45-end of literary sheet 3. Seneca quiz.	2 nd December	9 th December
1. 15 minutes of private reading 2. Review all the terms on the literary sheet 3. Seneca quiz.	9 th December	16 th December



Year 10 English Homework **Autumn 2 – An Inspector Calls**

Task (write in your planner)	Set at 3pm each Monday afternoon	Due by 8am each Monday morning
1. Re-read the section we have covered in class 2. Complete the Seneca Quiz	11 th November	18 th November
1. Re-read the section we have covered in class 2. Complete the Seneca Quiz	18 th November	25 th November
1. Re-read the section we have covered in class 2. Complete the Seneca Quiz	25 th November	2 nd December
1. Re-read the section we have covered in class 2. Complete the Seneca Quiz	2 nd December	9 th December
1. Re-read the section we have covered in class 2. Complete the Seneca Quiz	9 th December	16 th December

Year 11 English Homework **Autumn 2 – Blood Brothers Revision**

Task (write in your planner)	Set at 3pm each Monday afternoon	Due by 8am each Monday morning
1. Re-read the first half of Act 1 2. Complete the Seneca Quiz	11 th November	18 th November
1. Re-read the second half of Act 1 2. Complete the Seneca Quiz	18 th November	25 th November
1. Re-read the first half of Act 2 2. Complete the Seneca Quiz	25 th November	2 nd December
1. Re-read the second half of Act 2 2. Complete the Seneca Quiz	2 nd December	9 th December
1. Complete the Seneca Quiz	9 th December	16 th December

Your support is appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Bennett
Head of English