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Homework is an integral part of mission to create independent learners who are disciplined and able to self-regulate in their approach to learning. As students move through their journey at Penrice, they will develop the skills required to cope with the demands of school assessment structures and, more importantly, the demands of adult life.

Homework is used to support and improve knowledge retention, so students remember more of what they learn in class. By engaging fully with the homework set, over time students build positive habits for successful independent study.

During KS3, homework is used to give students the tools required to be able to revise and practise revision techniques, so that during KS4 they can effectively create their own bespoke revision resources which are most relevant to their needs.

### How is homework set?

All Penrice homework is set on the online platform, [Satchel One](#).

This platform is designed to help parents keep track of all homework tasks that are set by the school. Satchel One allows parents to see the details of the tasks, all their child's deadlines, their submission statuses, and grades. We use this system to improve the way we communicate with parents and give them greater visibility into the home learning we set.

### What is the frequency of homework?

Homework will be set weekly for all subjects in Key stage 4 (except core PE and CLASS). In Key Stage 3 Homework will be set weekly for subjects that have three or more lessons across the two-week timetable and fortnightly for subjects that have less than three lessons across the two-week timetable.

During the academic year there will be revision cycles when students are preparing for assessment points. At these times, all homework will be directed towards preparation for these assessments.

### How long do students have to complete each homework assignment?

On average, students will have at least five days to complete homework assignments to the required standard. All homework assignments are given a specific due date, and this will be displayed on Satchel One.

### Homework support

Support is at the foundation of the homework system, and we therefore have a computer suite (CS3/4) open Monday – Thursday after school, 3pm – 4pm. This study area is staffed by teachers during these hours and is purposely designed for students to use if they need support with their homework or want a space at school to tackle their work before going home. This facility is also available every Break 1.

### What happens if homework is not completed in time?

When homework is not handed in or completed to the required standard, students will be allocated a Homework Point by their teacher on Satchel One. Homework Points can accumulate into the following sanctions:

Homework Points Accumulated	Sanction
3 and 6	A 30-minute detention during morning break (Break 1).
10	A 1-hour detention after school
3 points and 1 hour detention	This sanction will be given when students fail to attend their homework detention.

During these detentions, students will be given access to a computer to allow them to get themselves up to date with their homework list. Points will be reviewed and reset each half term.

### Appendix - Support with Satchel One

If parents or pupils have any questions about Satchel One, they are first encouraged to contact the Satchel One Support Team on 0207 197 9550 or by searching the extensive Help Centre library at <https://help.satchelone.com/en/>.

If parents are still unable to solve an issue with Satchel One, then they are encouraged to contact Penrice directly via 01726 72163 or [enquiries@penrice.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@penrice.org.uk).