Organising Homework

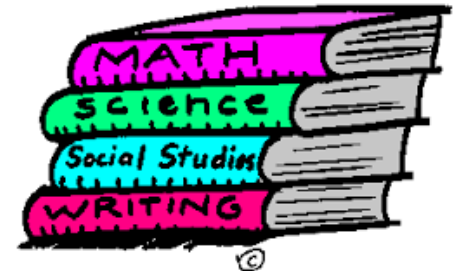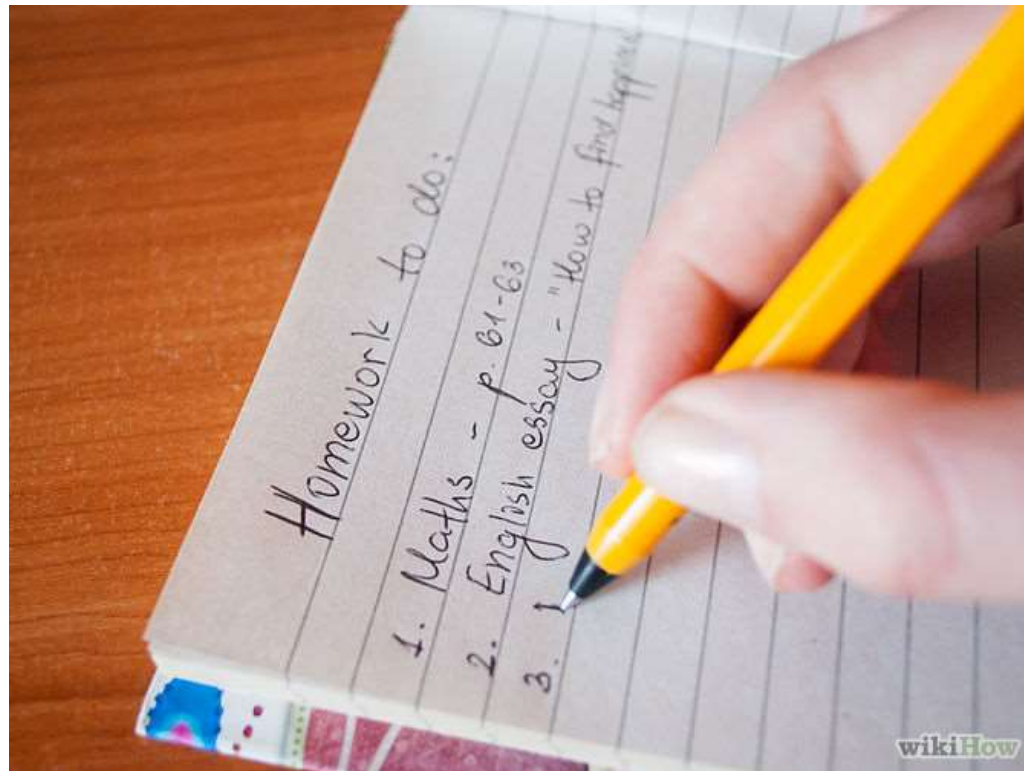## Key Stage 3

You will not gain your target grades unless you take **homework and private study very seriously**.

Private Study tasks are an essential way of **supporting and extending** what you are learning in class.

They are important because:

- They **reinforce** what you have learnt at school

- They **extend** the work that you do at school

- They help you develop good **study habits**

- They help you become an **independent learner**

Use them well. Don't just treat them as an intrusion into your leisure time!

Being clear from the start:

- The most important moment in any set homework task is when your teacher tells you what to do

- **Write it into your planner!!!**

- Know exactly **what** it is you are required to do, **where** it should be done (exercise book, file paper, computer), **how much** you should do (essay, paragraph, bullet points), and **when** it is due in.
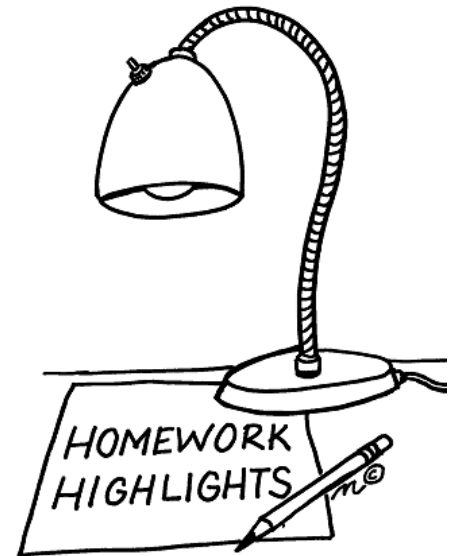
Use your planner….

- Your planner is your lifeline for keeping on top of your work. Not using it well will inevitably lead to stress, missed deadlines, and poorer grades.

- **Write in all tasks**. Never think that you will remember or that you can check with friends.

- Tick tasks when they have been done.

- **Get a parent to sign the planner weekly.** Get parents to note any concerns.

Use your **homework timetable**

- Make sure that you know when your homework "slots" are on your homework timetable for each subject.

- Adjust the homework timetable for your class so that it fits around your personal commitments.

- **Prioritise deadlines!**

HOMEWORK HIGHLIGHTS

"None set"

- Your teacher not setting you any specific task doesn't mean that you have no homework.

- Instead it means that you have the freedom to choose what task you should undertake to further your learning in that subject.

- Your subject teacher should have given you a list of general tasks for that subject. Consult the list and enjoy the freedom to choose!

- Record what you have done in your planner.

Homework is key to success!