



An introduction to  
**Study Skills at Queen Elizabeth Grammar School**

# Why are Study Skills so IMPORTANT?

- Establish good habits early
- Build on the work of primary schools
- Embed skills for learning
- Lay the foundations for success at GCSE and beyond.

# ‘Carry a book’

## Tutor Periods - **Using your planner**

Led by tutors across the first half term

### Study Skills in Citizenship (70 Minute Lessons)

#### Lesson 1

- **Organising your homework**
- **Take pride in your work**

#### Lesson 2

- **Your personal study space**
- **Managing your time**

#### Lesson 3

- **Using your library**

Led by VM during Citizenship time. Please accompany your group to the Library.

#### Lesson 4

- **Learning styles**

# What can you do to help at home?

- Work with your child to create a schedule for study
  - Have a prominent calendar
  - Timing of study is important.
  - Regular study
  - Build in extra-curricular commitments
  - Balance

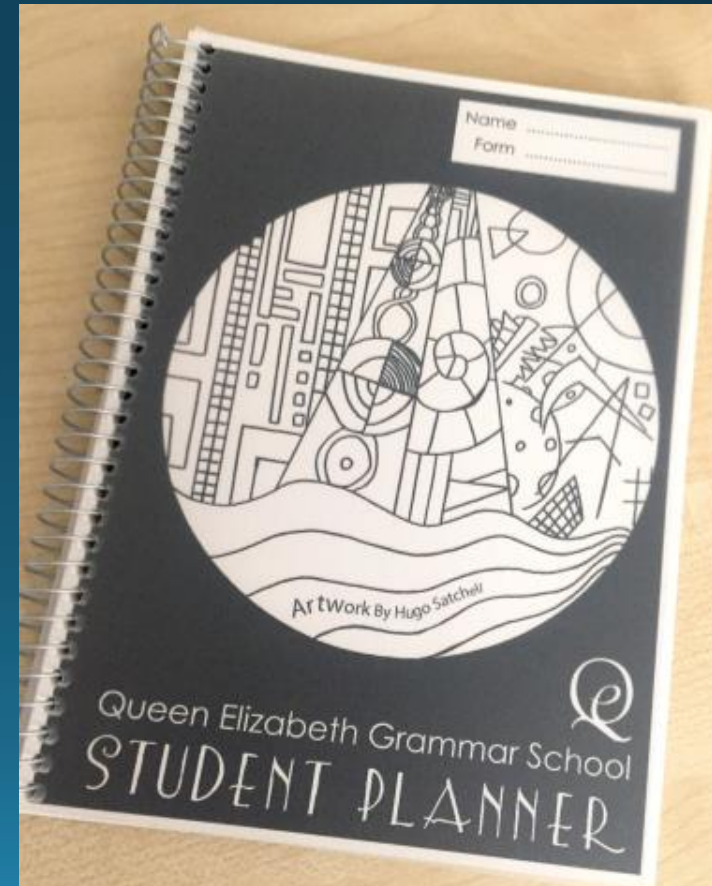


- Create a suitable space for studying at home
  - Eliminate as much distraction as possible from the area.
  - Make sure there is enough space to spread out their work and they have the resources they need.
  - Siblings know that this is study time
  - Use of a noticeboard or whiteboard can be helpful for some students



# Support your child to make use of their school planner

- Check and sign the planner on at least a weekly basis
- Work with your child to know what to record in their planner
- Use the planner as a tool for communication



- How long should my child be spending on homework?
  - Students should spend approximately 20 minutes per piece of work

### Private Study Timetable 2016-2017

Year 7      20 minutes per subject per night

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>7SLC</b>	Music French German	RE Geography English	History Science Maths	DT Science	Maths Art English
<b>7SC</b>	Art Maths History	Science English German	RE Music	Maths Science English	DT French Geography
<b>7JD</b>	Maths History German	Science RE English	French Science	English Art Maths	Geography Music DT
<b>7AL</b>	DT RE English	Maths Science German	French Music	Science English Maths	History Art ( <i>set on Tuesday week B</i> ) Geography ( <i>set on Thursday</i> )

- Should parents help with homework?
  - Helping can be a good way to be involved in what your child is learning
  - Helping does not mean doing the work for them
  - Model research skills
  - Guidance, support and encouragement
  - Check work is completed correctly and following the instructions set
  - Build responsibility with the student



# Studying is more than doing homework!

To consolidate work:

- Additional reading
- Take notes on chapters
- Learn to skim read information and summarise it
- Make flashcards for revision
- Revisit work that has been done previously for improvements or to remind themselves
- Use revision support online

# What can you do to help at home?

- Offer space and structure
- Create ground rules i.e. no TV or phone calls
- Internet use for work tasks only if needed to avoid distractions
- Support
- Rewards



# Make learning a positive experience

- Encourage – recognise achievements
- Non-critical assistance
- Watch for signs of frustration
- Don't use homework as a punishment

