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Rationale

Our vision is that students at Nova Hreod Academy will have a better chance of success than if they attended any other school in the country. Evidence-based research shows that in the country's highest-achieving schools, students from Year 7 onwards can expect more than one hour of home study per day and even more once they reach Year 10. Independent home study plays a vital part in helping students retain and recall information that enables tough problem-solving and the ability to practise key skills across all subjects.

Aims

We are a school that prioritises knowledge. We know that for students to effectively develop understanding within each subject, they must master and commit to memorising key knowledge. Therefore, home study at Nova will:

- Build students' memory of knowledge that is essential for success in each subject
- Build mathematical skills and knowledge through Sparx Maths
- Develop literacy and vocabulary through Sparx Reader

Types of Home Study

At Nova, home study falls into three categories:

- Online platforms – we use a variety of well selected online platforms, all of which are designed to build knowledge and understanding through repeated deliberate practice.
- Self-quizzing – through self-quizzing, students memorise the critical fingertip knowledge we believe they need to have committed to memory.
- Paper-based homework – At KS4 students may complete paper-based homework, which provides them with an important chance to practise exam style questions.

Home Study Overview 2026 – 2027

We gradually increase the amount of home study students must complete during their time at Nova.

We will only set homework in each year group for the subjects shown below. All incomplete home study will be sanctioned.

Year Group	Homework Summary
Year 7	• Weekly Sparx Maths • Weekly Sparx Reader (English) • Daily Carousel quizzing
Year 8	• Weekly Sparx Maths • Weekly Sparx Reader (English) • Weekly Sparx Science • Weekly Languagenut • Daily Carousel quizzing

Year 9	• Weekly Sparx Maths • Weekly Sparx Reader (English) • Weekly Sparx Science • Weekly Languagenut • Weekly Seneca – RE / History / Geography
Year 10	• Weekly homework for each subject – either electronic or on paper depending on the subject
Year 11	• Weekly homework for each subject – either electronic or on paper depending on the subject

Home Study Schedule

Home study is set following the timetable below. Students always have one week to complete their work. Home study is set on the day specified below and due one week later by 7.30am on the day specified.

	Monday	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
Year 7	*Daily Carousel Quizzing*	*Daily Carousel Quizzing* Sparx Maths	*Daily Carousel Quizzing* Sparx Reader	*Daily Carousel Quizzing*	*Daily Carousel Quizzing*
Year 8	*Daily Carousel Quizzing* Sparx Science	*Daily Carousel Quizzing* Sparx Maths	*Daily Carousel Quizzing* Sparx Reader	*Daily Carousel Quizzing*	*Daily Carousel Quizzing* French (Languagenut)
Year 9	Geography, History and RE (Seneca) Sparx Science	Sparx Maths	Sparx Reader		French (Languagenut)
Year 10	Science	Maths	English	Option B Option D	Option A Option C

Year 11	Science	Maths	English Option C	Option A Option B	Option D

Home Study Sanctions Years 7, 8 and 9

Students failing to complete one piece of home study in a week will receive a 1-hour detention the following week.

Students failing to complete two or more pieces of home study in a week will receive a 1 hour 30-minute detention the following week.

Home study detentions take place on Wednesdays for students in years 7, 8 and 9.

Home Study Sanctions Years 10 and 11

Home study detentions take place the day after the home study is due in (or the next available day if a student has multiple detentions) and last for 1 hour.

Self-Quizzing Home Study (Years 7 and 8 only)

For every half term, the key fingertip knowledge for each subject is distilled into a knowledge organiser. All knowledge organisers are then collated into a booklet which each student receives.

Every day, students are set definitions for specific subjects to self-quiz and memorise based on the schedule below. This is then checked through the online quizzing platform Carousel. Incomplete Carousel quizzing will result in a 30-minute detention on the day the work is due in. Subjects are covered as shown in the schedule below:

Monday	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
English Geography	Maths French	Science Music	RE Drama or Computer Science	History PE

Home Study Launch Dates 2026-2027

First setting of homework in the 2026-2027 academic year will take place as follows:

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Wk1 (1st Sept)					
Wk2 (7th Sept)					
Wk3 (14th Sept)		First home study set – all subjects First Carousel daily self-quizzing set	First home study set – all subjects	First home study set – all subjects	First home study set – all subjects
Wk4 (21st Sept)	First Carousel daily self-quizzing set	First home study hand in – all subjects	First home study hand in – all subjects	First home study hand in – all subjects	First home study hand in – all subjects
Wk5 (28th Sept)	First Sparx Maths set				
Wk6 (5th Oct)	First Sparx Maths hand in First Sparx Reader set				
Wk7 (12th Oct)	First Sparx Reader hand in				