



Icknield Community College English Department

Homework

2017-2018

What can we expect?

- Each student will be given a Homework Portfolio. This will be a document that you will build throughout the year. Each week you will be given a sheet that will go into your portfolio.
- You will receive one homework per week. Your homework will be due on your homework day the following week.
- All homework is *reading* based. Each week you will be asked to read a specific text type and answer a series of questions that are related to the assessment objectives in KS3.

HOMEWORK PORTFOLIO



Term	
Homework day	
Name	
English Teacher	

Why will my homework follow this format?

1. To get you reading! Reading is the key to being successful in English. When a group of students were asked last year what helped them make the most progress in English, all of them said reading. Each week, you will be asked to read a different text type so you will have the opportunity to read a range of texts.
2. To develop your reading skills. Now, when we say reading skills we don't just mean your ability to read, we mean your ability to read a text and infer meaning from it.
3. To prepare for upcoming assessments. Each of the tasks focus on a specific assessment objective, therefore each time you complete a piece of homework you are practising a key assessment skill.

How will I find the texts?

- You will be expected to find your own reading texts. For each non-fiction reading task, we have suggested some different sources and, of course, you have the Library in school which has a range of excellent fiction and non-fiction texts.
- If you would like some help finding the articles, please ask your teacher *in advance* of the homework due date and they will be more than happy to help you.
- Alternatively, you can come to Room 18 on a Monday lunch time to use the computers to find a suitable text.

Who is going to provide feedback?

- It is important that you receive feedback for your homework and this will come in a variety of forms as listed below. Your teacher will check your portfolios throughout the term and provide written feedback on your *completed* portfolio. In between each task, you can expect the following feedback:
 - Verbal Feedback from your teacher
 - Verbal feedback from your peers.
 - Written feedback from your peers
 - Self -assessment