



KING WILLIAM'S COLLEGE

King William's College Prep and Saturday Tutorials (Study Morning) policy

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1. Prep

Prep (homework) plays a vital part in the structure of the College's strategy for pupils' academic development. It provides opportunities for students to consolidate their understanding, extend their knowledge, and develop independent learning skills (including time management) which will prove invaluable throughout their educational journey. It may also be used to provide preparation tasks for the next lesson. Prep is set regularly across all year groups with time allocations increasing as pupils progress through the School.

From Year 7 (Lower 4) to Year 11 (Upper 5), set periods of Prep for each subject are prescribed in the weekly timetable.

- In Year 7 (Lower 4) and Year 8 (Upper 4), prep should take around 20 minutes per piece; in Year 9 (Lower 5), each prep should take around 30 minutes.
- In Year 10 (Middle 5) and Year 11 (Upper 5), prep tasks should take around 40 minutes each. It is expected that these prescribed prep times represent a minimum study requirement; successful preparation for IGCSE and GCSE examinations and coursework will require additional study.
- In the Sixth Form there is no prescribed prep timetable. It is expected that IB candidates should organise their time effectively to cover the written preparation and reading required in their respective subjects, with a target of 2-3 hours per night as a guide.

Prep is set on Firefly by all teachers, who may also ask pupils to write it down in exercise books/folders. Pupils are expected to take responsibility for their own prep, to understand the expectations for each assignment and to meet the deadlines. If there is a danger of missing a deadline, it is the responsibility of the pupil to ensure that they seek permission from the subject teacher before the deadline has passed. Missed deadlines will be dealt with in line with the school's behaviour management policy.

Parents are encouraged to support their children with homework and routines, and communication between school and parents is valued. Parents can view the prep set on the Firefly platform. The school aims to find a balance between homework, extra-curricular activities, and time for relaxation and family life.

2. Tutorials

Each subject holds a tutorial session either at lunchtime or after school where pupils can attend for further support with their classwork or prep. A schedule of tutorial sessions is published each term. Pupils are also encouraged to arrange additional tutor sessions with College staff if they require further assistance with their understanding.

3. Prep Timetable

This prep timetable has been devised to guide the pupil through the week so that they do not become overwhelmed with the homework tasks. A useful guide is for pupils to try to complete prep on the night that it is set where possible.

		Week 1					Week 2				
		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 7	A	French English	History Spanish PRE	Computing	Maths DT	Science	French	Art Geography	Maths	English Science	Latin Computing
Year 7	B	French English	History Spanish	PRE	Maths	Science Computing	French Computing	DT	Maths Art	English Science	Latin Geography
Year 8	A	PRE Art	Maths Computing	French History	Spanish Latin	English Science	English	Geography DT	Maths	French	Spanish Latin Science
Year 8	B	PRE Computing	Maths DT	French Art	Spanish Latin	English Science	English	Geography History	Maths Computing	French	Spanish Latin Science
Year 9	A	Computing PRE	History	Maths Science	Geography French	Spanish Latin English	Art	French Maths	Spanish Latin	Science DT	English
Year 9	B	Geography	DT PRE	Maths Science	History French	Spanish Latin English	Art Computing	French Maths	Spanish Latin	Science	English
Year 10		Maths; Language; Block A; Block B; Chemistry	English; 10a Biology; 10b Physics	Block A; Block B; Block C	English; Maths; Language	Block C; 10a Physics; 10b Biology	Maths; Language; Block A; Block B	English; Chemistry; 10a Physics; 10b Biology	Block A; Block B; Block C; 10a Biology; 10a Physics	English; Language	Maths; Block C
Year 11		English; Language; Block C; 11c Physics	Maths; Block A; 11c Chemistry; 11b Biology;	English; Block B; 11a Chemistry; 11c Physics	Language; Block C; 11a Biology;	Maths; Block A; Block B; 11b Chemistry; 11c Biology; 11a Physics	English; Language; Block C;	Maths; Block A	English; Block B	Language; Block C	Maths; Block A; Block B

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Block A	Block B	Block C
Geography	Art	Business Studies
French	History	Design and Technology
Philosophy, Religion and Ethics	Geography	Drama
Business Studies	Photography	Physical Education
Computer Science		Music

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Block A	Block B	Block C
Business Studies	Business Studies	Business Studies
Design and Technology	History	Photography
French	Design and Technology	Geography

PE	Music	History
	Art	Drama

4. Supervised Prep times

Prep may be completed in the library at any lunchtime (Monday to Friday). From Monday to Thursday, there is a supervised Prep session held in the library between 4.30pm and 5.30pm. If pupils stay behind after the end of the school day, they must either attend an activity or the library prep club. Also, in the boarding house, there is a supervised prep session every weeknight for 2 hours as part of the boarding routine.

5. Saturday Tutorials (Study Mornings)

Saturday Tutorials occur for examination groups on a Saturday morning between 9am and 12noon for those in Year 11 (Upper Fifth) and Year 13 (Upper Sixth) and pupils are expected to attend. The 3 hours on an individual subject, although rather intense, gives crucial uninterrupted time for examination practice, coursework tasks, science experiments and individual discussions. These are vital for personalized examination and coursework preparations.

Autumn term 2025				
Saturdays	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
6th Sept				Biology
13th Sept				English
20th Sept				Chemistry and ESS and Physics
27th Sept		DT		History
4th Oct				German Lit
11th Oct				Maths
Half term				
8th Nov		French		Economics
15th Nov		English	French Ab Initio	DT
22nd Nov		Spanish	Maths	German ab initio
29th Nov		ESOL and Drama		French and Spanish
6th Dec		Science		

Spring term 2026				
10th Jan				
17th Jan				
24th Jan		Art and Photography	SEHS	
31st Jan		Business		English HL only/Maths HL only- clash for Millie J and Dom Sg
7th Feb		English		Economics/German Lit
Half term				
28th Feb		Geography		German Ab Initio/Spanish/French ab
7th Mar		History		Theatre/Visual Arts/Biology
14th Mar		DT		Business/Geog/Hist
21st Mar		French		Chemistry/ESS/SEHS/DT/Physics
Summer term 2026				
25th Apr		Spanish	English	
2nd May		Drama	Geography TBC (tides)	
9th May			DT	
16th May			German	
Half term, internal exams etc				
13th June				
20th June	Geography TBC (tides)		Chemistry/ESS	
27th June				