

Prep - Guidance for parents

How long should my child spend on prep?

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Year			
Reception	Consolidation activity		
Y1/2	Reading or spelling most evenings - about 10/15 minutes		
Y3/4/5	20 minutes per night, Monday to Friday + Reading		
Y6	M, Tu, Th, F: 40 minutes		
ro	Wed: 20 minutes + Reading		
Y7/8	M, Tu, Th, F: 75 minutes		
17/0	Wed: 25 minutes + Reading		

How do I know what the prep is for any given night?

Each night's schedule for this year is laid out according to the prep timetable below.

Year 8						
	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	
	Maths 25	English 25	French 25	History 25	English 25	
8S	Geography 25	Maths 25	Reading 25	RS 25	Science 25	
	Latin (Set on Sat) 25	French 25		Latin 25	Reading 25	
	Maths 25	Maths 25	English 25	English 25	French 25	
8/1a	French 25	Science 25	Reading 25	Geography (Set on Wed) 25	Latin 25	
	RS 25	Latin 25		History 25	Reading 25	
	Maths 25	Maths 25	English 25	English 25	French 25	
8/1b	French 25	History 25	Reading 25	Science 25	Latin 25	
	Geography 25	RS 25		Latin (Set on Wed) 25	Reading 25	
	Maths 25	English 25	French 25	English 25	History 25	
8/2a	Geography 25	Maths 25	Reading 25	Science 25	RS 25	
	Classical Studies 25	Reading		French 25	Reading 25	
	Maths 25	English 25	French 25	English 25	Science 25	
8/2b	Geography 25	Maths 25	Reading 25	French 25	History 25	
	Classical Studies 25	Reading		RS 25	Reading 25	

Year 7						
	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	
	Science 25	English 25	French 20	English 25	Maths 25	
7PS	French 20	Maths 25	Reading 20	Geography 20	History 20	
	RS 20	Reading 20		Latin 20	Reading 20	
	English 25	Science 25	English 25	French 20	Maths 25	
7/1a	Maths 25	French 20	Reading 20	Geography 20	RS (Set on Thurs) 20	
	Latin 20	Reading 20		History 20	Reading 20	
	English 25	Science 25	English 25	French 20	Maths 25	
7/1b	Maths 25	French 20	Reading 20	Geography 20	RS 20	
	Latin 20	Reading 20		History 20	Reading 20	
	English 25	Science 25	History 20	English 25	Maths 25	
7/2a	Maths 25	French 20	Reading 20	French 20	Classical Studies 20	
	Geography 20	Reading 20		RS 20	Reading 20	
	English 25	French 20	RS 20	English 25	Maths 25	
7/2b	Maths 25	Geography 20	Reading 20	French 20	Science 25	
	History 20	Reading 20		Classical Studies 20	Reading 20	

Year 6

	MON	TUES	WED*	THURS	FRI
6AR	English 20	Science 20	Latin 20	Maths 20	English 20
	Maths 20	French 20	Reading	History/Reading 20	Reading
6IC	English 20	Science 20	Reading 20	Maths 20	English 20
	Maths 20	French 20		History/Reading 20	Reading
6NW	English 20	French 20	Reading 20	Maths 20	English 20
	Maths 20	History/Reading 20		Science 20	Reading

	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
5SG	Maths 20	English 20	Reading	Science (Set on Weds) 20	English 20
	Reading	Reading		Reading	Reading
5ES	Maths 20	English 20	Reading	Science 20	English 20
	Reading	Reading		Reading	Reading
5JC	Maths 20	English 20	Reading	Science 20	English 20
	Reading	Reading		Reading	Reading

Year 5

This information can also be found on the school website in the 'Academic Information' area of the 'Parents' section. Barring special circumstances we will stick rigidly to the timetable - prep *will* be set on the nights in question! Your child should use their prep diary to write down the details of each prep set. This is for their benefit, but also provides a useful opportunity for parents and houseparents to monitor prep. Please feel free to use this as a means of communication with the Form Tutor, who will check that the book is being used properly on a weekly basis.

What happens if my child cannot finish the prep in the time allocated?

We do aim to set work in the right quantity, but of course some children work faster than others! Work should be finished if possible, but if the child has worked hard and *still* not finished then the parent or houseparent should ink in a small note into the margin to the teacher, and the child should STOP! This is useful feedback for us.

What if the prep is too hard?

Please write a small note to the teacher concerned and put it in the book - again this is helpful to us.

What do I do if we have a special family occasion, which leaves no time for prep?

When possible, try to plan in the time on your child's behalf. Failing this, it would be helpful if a note were written to the Form Tutor in advance, explaining the position and the prep can then be rearranged.

Are the scheduled reading times important?

Yes, they are! We make sure that all the boarders read silently for 20 minutes each night before lights out, and day parents will also want to encourage their children to read on a regular basis.

Who do I contact if there is a problem?

Your child's Form Tutor is always the first point of contact with the school. Depending on the nature of the problem, the Form Tutor may involve the Head of Department with academic issues, or the Year Group Head with pastoral issues.