

# SDCC and Atrium Home Learning Policy 2020

“Retrieval practice” is a learning strategy where we focus on getting information out. Through the act of retrieval, or calling information to mind, our memory for that information is strengthened and forgetting is less likely to occur. Retrieval practice is a powerful strategy for improving academic performance without more technology, money, or class time.

*Agarwal et al, 2013*

## What does the evidence say about Home work?

Evidence suggests that how homework relates to learning during normal school time is important. In the most effective examples homework was an integral part of learning, rather than an add-on (EEF Toolkit). Students should not typically be exposed to new material for their home learning, unless they are judged more expert learners. Complex, open ended homework is often completed least effectively; whereas, short, frequent homework, closely monitored by teachers is more likely to have more impact (Hallam 2004).

## Home Learning at SDCC

In order to ensure that Home Learning is aiding in class learning and enabling students to build effective schemas in their long term memory, and to ensure that home learning doesn't become burdensome for staff, we need to firstly establish clear and concise expectations around home learning.

## What will it look like

1. All home learning set needs to be based on the principle of retrieval practice and in the form of a predesigned quiz.
2. All quizzes need to be worth 10 marks and based on the core knowledge and deliberate practice that learners need to be successful in that subject. Quizzes must be relevant to the content currently being delivered.
3. When setting home learning students must be provided with the answers to learn. E.g., Questions and expected answers or diagram including labels etc. Or in the case of deliberate practice, examples to show a process.
4. Quizzes to be set inline with the Home learning timetable.

KS3	Week A	Week B
Core Subjects	1 per week	1 per week
Other Subjects	Drama, Music, MFL, IT, Geog	Hist, Art, PE, D&T, RS/PSHE
Dance		TBC

KS4	
Core Subjects	1 per week
Other Subjects	1 per week

KS5	
All Subjects	1 per week

## How will it be assessed?

- a. Students will complete the quiz at the start of the allocated lesson (determined by the teacher) in silence. Answers written at the back of their books.
- b. The Quiz will be marked in class in **Green Pen** and provides an assessment for the teacher. Teacher will actively move around the room checking progress and motivating students.
- c. Score to be recorded in Sims which will flag Red (55% or less), Yellow (56-79%) or Green (80+%). Teacher to review the quiz with the class establishing which topic areas need to be reviewed/retaught and providing feedback.

<https://achemicalorthodoxy.wordpress.com/2020/01/26/how-to-not-screw-up-retrieval-practice/>

## Additional Tasks.

Teachers can set additional home learning tasks at their own discretion.