

## **Changes to Homework at KS3 from 2009**

**Last year we had extensive feedback on the provision of homework at the Gilbert School, surveying students, parents, as well as all teaching staff. As a result of these findings, we have re-designed KS3 homework, or Extended Learning, as we would prefer to call it.**

**Because the demands of subjects are very different, we now set 3 types of Extended Study:**

### ***Key Weekly Tasks***

***These are compulsory and are set in Maths, English, Languages and Science each week.***

### ***Key Extension Tasks***

***These are also compulsory. They are set in History, Geography, RE and Year 7 Technology but are set over a longer period of time.***

### ***Enrichment Tasks***

**These are voluntary tasks that students can choose to complete in Art, Music, Drama, Dance, PE and (Years 8 & 9) Technology.**

**These changes were explained to year 7 parents at the recent Year 7 Curriculum Evening. Parents/carers were also given a Guide to Extended Learning, which we hope will enable parents to support their child's learning at home more effectively. All year 7 students will soon be receiving a similar booklet to support them with Extended Learning.**

**A copy of both booklets will soon be available to down load from the school web site). There are useful tips inside, which we hope you will find useful.**

**The timetable for Extended Learning is enclosed in this newsletter.**

**Please make sure that you check and sign your child's planner each week and encourage them to use it effectively.**

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