Science Homework Guidelines

Key Stage 3

Type of HW set	Method of Assessment	Approximate time to complete task	Timescale for completion	Frequency of task
Experiment write-up eg planning, plotting, conclusion, evaluation	A variety of assessment techniques including self, peer and teacher marking.	30 mins	3 – 7 days (this may be the next lesson and so shorter)	A student can expect to receive 2 pieces of homework per fortnight in Y7 and Y8. In Y9 this will probably be one piece of HW per fortnight per teacher in most cases.
Research and present work as a project		60 mins	7 – 14 days	
Short answer questions		30 mins	1 – 7 days	
On-line tests		30 mins	7 days	
Revision for a test		60 mins	3 – 7 days	
Extended writing		30 mins	7 days	

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Key Stage 4

Type of HW set	Method of Assessment	Approximate time to complete the task	Timescale for completion	Frequency of task.
Investigation skills eg data analysis, graph drawing, interpreting, evaluating.	A variety of assessment techniques are used, including self, peer, teacher and on-line marking.	30 mins	3 – 7 days	A student can expect to receive at least one piece of homework per fortnight from each of their subject teachers. This will equate to 3 or 4 homeworks per half term.
Research and present findings.		60 mins	7 – 14 days	
Short answer questions to consolidate scientific knowledge.		30 mins	3 – 7 days	
Past exam paper questions		30 mins	3 – 7 days	
Revising for end of unit tests.		60 mins	3 – 7 days	
Extended writing, quality of written communication, 6 mark exam questions.		30 mins	3 – 7 days	
On – line assessments		30 mins	3 – 7 days	