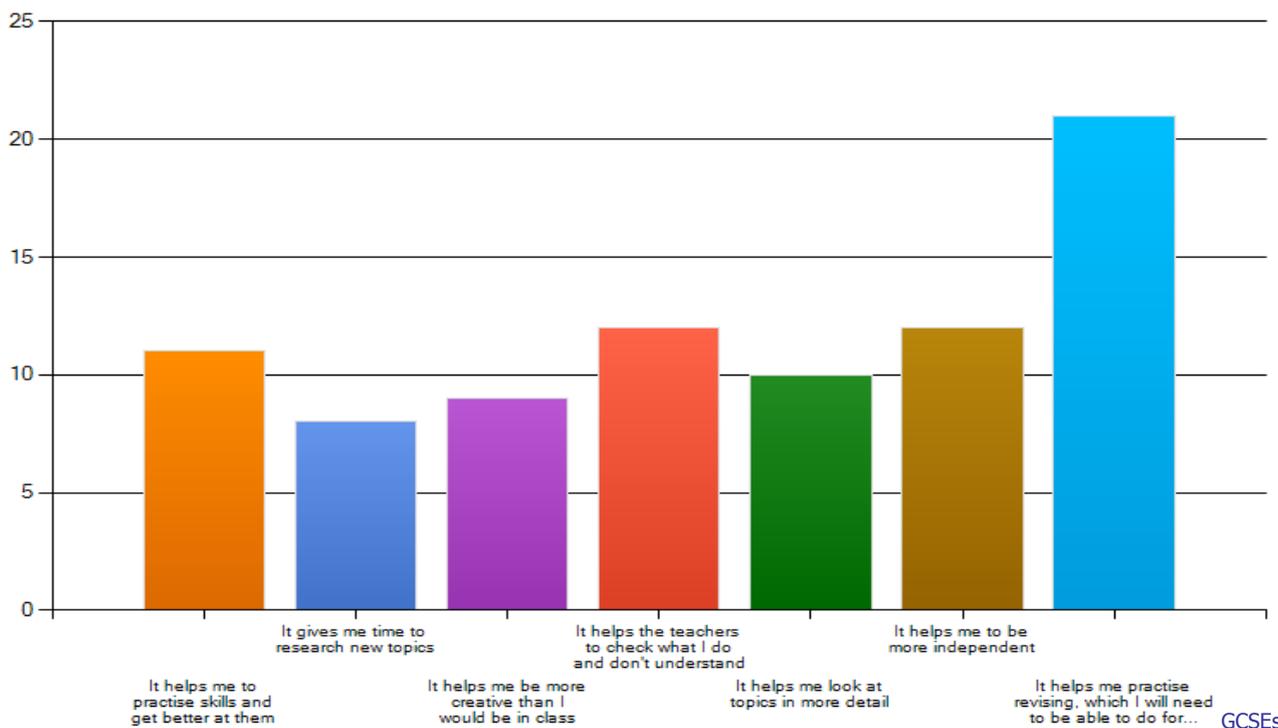


Our students' views on homework, from 2013 online survey:

Value of homework (in answer to 'why is homework important?'):

- Because I have more time at home to think about my work, so I can add more detail into it.
- Because some things I don't like researching, but homework helps me get better at it. Also, there are some things I don't understand and it helps me to understand it.
- Because the teacher doesn't know if you understand without testing you
- I feel more independent as I try to do my homework on my own and not ask my mum and dad.
- Because if I don't understand something, I can go over it in my own time and also ask my parents
- Because if you didn't do this then you will not do well in GCSEs and then we probably won't get a place in the specific college we want to be in
- Because in school, you can ask teachers what to do, but at home, you have to figure it out yourself, which is good for us
- Because it helps my skills and makes me better in class
- Because it is me by myself and the teacher will then know what I'm fine with and what I'm struggling with
- Because you are showing teachers what you can do.
- Because I can practise and get better at it
- Because it helps you do work at home not just at school.
- Because it helps you get better at being independent.
- I hear it's good preparation for being an adult and having to work hard!

In what ways is your homework useful in helping you to learn? Tick as many as you want to.



Homework Detention system:

- I agree it's fair as, if we don't do homework, we need you to give us the message
- I think the system is fair because there is always a consequence or a punishment.
- Obviously, homework is set for a reason, and even if we don't have enough time because of homework to always do what we want to do, we still need to do it to help us achieve higher levels than we would with less homework.
- I think it is fair because it shows the teacher if we need anymore help in what we are learning
- People are less likely to get away with things, so people are more likely to do it
- It is fair because we need to learn more information so we get clever!

Support with homework (Homework Club):

- It gives us a bit of peace and quiet so that we can concentrate to our full potential
- People might not have access to the internet or a computer at home.
- If it is quite loud at home, you won't be able to get your homework done. However, homework club is a place to do our homework where it is quiet and help is available.
- Because homework is schoolwork, and I think schoolwork should be done at school, so it helps you to concentrate if you do it at school.

- If people get distracted at home, they could have a nice working environment.
- There are lots of research materials you are allowed to use. Members of staff are there to help with pieces of homework. They encourage people to go by awarding those who have gone completely voluntarily
- If students are finding it distracting at home, it allows you to come and work in peace
- People may not be able to go if they can't do their homework at home but it gives children some support if they need it
- Some people struggle with their homework so it will be a great help.
- If you need to do research or print stuff off and don't have a laptop at home they can't do it

When we did the survey on homework last summer, students said there should be more help available for homework. We have set up the Homework Club in the LRC, which runs every lunchtime and from 3.30-4.30pm each day. Is this helpful and are there any other ways that we can help students with homework?

