



Aims and purpose of Prep work

We want to help you develop skills and attitudes that will help you not just for your time at Park but when you leave school and you either continue your learning or you become employed. Prep work that you will undertake at Park will support your development of independent learning skills and it is also something that your parents or carers can become involved with.

Learning at home is just as much a part of your education as school work. The Prep work we set you on a regular basis affords you the opportunity to practice the tasks covered in class when at home and will help you improve on important skills, gain confidence and independence in your learning. If you take these Prep sessions seriously and work hard with discipline, you will gain a real advantage both now whilst you are at Park and also in your adult life.

Prep work is good for you because it:

- Establishes consistent study patterns
- Embeds knowledge
- Builds on the subject matter you have learned in class
- Helps you to develop wider reading and research skills
- Develop a love of learning within you
- Helps you to learn independently

How often and for how long?

Your Form Tutor will be able to advise you as to how long you will need to spend each week as a Prep session in each subject but the investment is well worth it. You may not finish all your prep work during prep time, this should then be completed at home – you may need to plan which tasks you are going to complete at home, if you for example you need to use a school laptop.

How is my Prep work marked and can I get feedback?

Your subject teachers will set your Prep work, mark it and feed back to you so that you know the areas that may need a little more work so that you can improve to be the best that you can be.

You are given ample time to complete your Prep work and you are awarded through the school's reward system (comments on the work, verbal feedback, allocation of credits, postcards for outstanding work) in recognition of your hard work. Completing Prep work is a compulsory aspect of school life at Park and we expect you to try as hard as you can to complete your work to a high standard and to the deadline you are set. If you approach your Prep work with a bad attitude or simply do not do the work, it will result in detention, meeting with your parent or carer and ultimately, the sanction of sitting directly with your subject teacher whilst you complete it.

Prep work support

Always take your Contact Book with you to each lesson so that your Prep work can be recorded in it. Your subject teacher will check this. Do not worry if you feel you need help with your Prep as we are there for you to give you additional support.