

Preparation, Practice and Retrieval

At Laurus Ryecroft we refer to homework (work completed by students outside lesson time) as Preparation and Practice (P&P). This practice may often take the form of retrieval practice – PP&R.

Retrieval is different from revision in one distinct way – it involves students retrieving information from their memory, as opposed to looking up information in books or from their notes. Students are familiar with retrieval practice exercises as they complete these in lessons. The act of retrieving information is a powerful learning tool that can make significant improvements to long-term memory and retention of information.

At Laurus Ryecroft, we try to instill good habits for learning into our students. We gradually build up the frequency and number of PP&R activities set in KS3 subjects. This is to allow students to develop the ability to organise their time in order to complete high quality PP&R that maximises learning.

How can students complete PP&R effectively?

- Ensure that they know when, and in what form, the work must be completed and submitted.
- Give themselves enough time to complete the work

Where and when can students complete PP&R in school?

- School is open from 7.30am for students to use the library.
- CO1 (a computer space) is open every break and lunchtime and has a member of staff in there to support.
- Study hub is on every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday in CO1 after school with a Head of House in the room on hand to support.
- The library is open every lunchtime for computer-based work.

How can parents/carers help?

- Check with students on a nightly basis
- Do paired retrieval practice e.g testing of Spanish vocabulary
- Remind students to make use of the time and resources available in school as well as at home.