

PP&R – Preparation, Practice & Retrieval

Student and Parent Guide



Out of lesson learning at Didsbury High School

At Didsbury High School 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.

How can students complete PP&R effectively?

- Make a clear note of what is to be completed as PP&R in their journals
- Ensure that they know when, and in what form, the work must be completed and submitted
- Give themselves enough time to complete the work. This might mean that they seek clarification from their teacher. This must be sought before the deadline of the PP&R

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

- School is open from 7:30am for students to use the dining room. Some staff members will be available to assist
- Students can attend PP&R club every Thursday after School

How can parents help?

- Prompt students to check their journal on a nightly basis
- Do paired retrieval practice for example testing of French vocabulary or key terminology in Science
- Remind students to make use of the time and resources available in school as well as at home
- Remind students to access the online resources that many subjects provide
- Encourage students to work in the local library that can provide a wealth of resources.