

Surrey Secondary ASD Outreach Team

Homework Issues for students with an Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) or Asperger Syndrome (AS)

Students with ASD/AS often have difficulty with

- Open ended activities
- Project work
- Getting information into their homework diaries
- Many are rigid thinkers therefore struggle with the concept of mixing home and school
- Some are perfectionists and will spend all evening on homework, particularly if the task is open-ended. This causes huge stress for the student and their family
- Students with ASD/AS find it difficult to process and retain verbal information so often miss instructions

How can staff help?

- Direct to homework club if possible
- Ensure that the student has written the homework in correctly and included the date that it is due in
- Give specific guidance on breaking down project homework into smaller chunks
- Try to make it clear how much time you expect the student to spend on the homework and that it is ok to finish after that time.
- Students with ASD/AS are visual learners so any written information/instructions will be very useful.