

PP&R – Preparation, Practice & Retrieval

Student and Parent Guide



Out of lesson learning at Laurus Cheadle Hulme

At Laurus Cheadle Hulme 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

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

- School is open from 7:30am for students to use the dining room to complete written PP&R
- The computer suite is open every break and lunchtime for students to complete computer-based PP&R
- Bespoke arrangements can be made with subject teachers to complete PP&R at lunchtime

How can parents help?

- Prompt students to check their journal on a nightly basis
- Do paired retrieval practice for example testing of Spanish vocabulary or key terminology in Science
- Support students in creating a PP&R timetable for the week to ensure that they are meeting deadlines