

# PP&R – Preparation, Practice & Retrieval



## Student and Parent Guide

### Out of lesson learning at Cheadle Hulme High School

At Cheadle Hulme 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

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

- School is open from 8am for students to use the hall or the computer suite
- PP&R club is on every lunchtime
- The computer suite is open every lunchtime for computer-based work
- Students can select the silent study elective

### 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
- Remind students to make use of the time and resources available in school as well as at home