



Homework Policy

Principles

- The regular setting of appropriate learning activities to support students work in class will help to raise students' performance.
- Active monitoring of homework by parents will support students' achievements.
- Close co-operation between home and school will support the achievement of students.
- Learning outside the classroom and school will develop students' independence as well as their research and problem solving skills.

Practice

- Subject Leaders are responsible for ensuring programmes of study include relevant homework tasks.
- Subject teachers set regular homework.
- Subject Teachers mark homework regularly in accordance with the Assessment for learning Policy.
- Students record homework tasks and deadlines in their Student Organisers.
- Tutors check Student Organisers regularly to ensure that homework is being set and that parents have acknowledged the setting of homework through signing the Student Organiser.
- Subject Teachers will inform tutors of non-completion of homework via the referral system and organisers.
- Subject Teachers inform parents of repeated failure to complete homework.
- Achievement Leaders monitor the setting and completion of homework across their Year Groups.
- The individual students' homework record is taken into account when awarding Attitude to Learning grades.
- The school regularly communicates with parents about homework.

Homework Tasks

Homework tasks must:

- be relevant
- support the work done in class
- encourage independent study
- be relevant to the student's individual needs
- be appropriate to the student's ability

Examples of homework tasks:

- plan and prepare for a specific piece of work or activity
- carry out a research or investigative activity
- learn work done in class
- revise work for an assessment
- read a novel, poetry or play
- read extracts from a range of texts
- watch a television programme related to current class work
- complete an assignment related to current class work
- prepare drafts for coursework.

Homework Times

- Subjects will generally set one homework task per week or a longer task lasting several weeks
- Students will be given a reasonable amount of time in which to complete a homework. Homework deadlines are made clear by the teacher.
- Students are encouraged to complete homework on the night on which it is set, particularly at Key Stage 3.

The following times are a guideline for homework tasks for each year:

- Year 7 – 30 minutes per subject
- Year 8 – 50 minutes per subject
- Year 9 – 60 minutes per subject

These times will increase during Key Stage 4 according to the demands of GCSE and other accredited courses.

Homework Timetable

- A homework timetable will be drawn up in consultation with Subject Leaders for each Year Group for publication in Autumn Term.
- Homework timetables will be published and given to each student in tutor time. Timetables will be recorded in the Student Organiser.
- Parents will be informed that homework timetables have been given.

Sanctions

- Parents will be informed if students fail to complete their homework. Sanctions will be issued in accordance with the school's Behaviour for Learning Policy.

Homework Support

- The Learning Resource is available for students to work in until 4.00 pm every day.
- The Learning Support Department offers a range of homework support including the Homework Club.

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