

Policy

Secondary Homework Policy

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Non Completion of Homework Policy

Year 7,8 & 9

Homework is one component in the holistic education of a child. Homework can help to foster the positive development of motivation, curiosity, and confidence. Homework can contribute toward building responsibility, self-discipline, and life-long learning habits. It can also provide opportunities to deepen understanding. However, extra-curricular activities are also an essential part of the holistic education of a child, as are activities outside of school and family experiences.

Given the busy lives of our students we need to maintain a healthy balance between academic development, commitment to extracurricular activities and a busy home and family life. We believe that there should be Weekly Homework tasks that every child should be able to complete on the evenings of Monday to Thursday. In addition there should be Extension Homework tasks where children may explore their curiosity and love of learning. The purpose of each is explained below:

Weekly Homework:

- To prepare for a concept or a unit that will be studied in the future.
- To provide an opportunity to integrate newly learned concepts and skills with prior learning.
- To provide practice or reinforcement for what students have learned in the classroom.
- To provide independent practice and reinforcement of proper study habits taught in school.
- To provide opportunity for increasing self-direction, time-management, and independence through extended project work.
- To finish off work that has not been completed in class.

Extension Homework:

- To elaborate, enrich, and/or extend the understanding of a student through self-inquiry and self-application.

Reading:

- All students should be encouraged to read for approximately 30 minutes each night.

Recording Of Homework:

- Homework should be recorded in student homework planners & on Google Classroom.
- It should be done in this format: SUBJECT - TEACHER - HW - Title - Duration

All students will be given a minimum of a week to complete homework tasks.

Homework for Year 7:

As Year 7 start to get into the routine of life in the Secondary School please can we adhere to the following guidelines:

- No homework should be set for week 1 & 2.
- Only weekly homework tasks should be set for week 3 & 4.
- From week 5 - full homework schedule.

Task Guidelines:

- Subjects should set homework which lasts up to a maximum of 30 minutes.
- Students should be given 1 week to complete work. If work is set in Week A it should be collected in Week B.

Week A	Week B	Extension
English	Maths	Art, D&T, Drama, Music <hr/> PE, Islamics & Social Studies should not set homework
Science	Computing	
French	Arabic	
Geography	History	
120 Minutes / week	120 Minutes / week	

Extension Homework	Homework may be set but this will be less frequent. These subjects are very much based on skills and there are numerous opportunities for students to develop their skills and creativity through the co-curricular opportunities within School. Whilst involvement through co-curricular opportunities is encouraged, if students are not directly involved in a co-curricular capacity, we hope that students will attend and support concerts, exhibitions, shows and sports fixtures.
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Homework for Year 8:

- Subjects should set homework which lasts up to a maximum of 35 minutes.
- Students should be given 1 week to complete work. If work is set in Week A it should be collected in Week B.

Week A	Week B	Extension
English	Maths	Art, D&T, Drama, Music <hr/> PE, Islamics & Social Studies should not set homework
Science	Computing	
French	Arabic	
Geography	History	
140 Minutes / week	140 Minutes / week	

Extension Homework	<p>Homework may be set but this will be less frequent. These subjects are very much based on skills and there are numerous opportunities for students to develop their skills and creativity through the co-curricular opportunities within School. Whilst involvement through co-curricular opportunities is encouraged, if students are not directly involved in a co-curricular capacity, we hope that students will attend and support concerts, exhibitions, shows and sports fixtures.</p>
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Homework in Year 9

- Subjects should set homework which lasts up to a maximum of 45 minutes
- Students should be given 1 week to complete work. If work is set in Week A it should be collected in Week B.

Week A	Week B	Extension
English	Maths	Art, D&T, Drama, Music <hr/> PE, Islamics & Social Studies should not set homework
Science	Computing	
French	Arabic	
Geography	History	
180 Minutes / week	180 Minutes / week	

Extension Homework	Homework may be set but this will be less frequent. These subjects are very much based on skills and there are numerous opportunities for students to develop their skills and creativity through the co-curricular opportunities within School. Whilst involvement through co-curricular opportunities is encouraged, if students are not directly involved in a co-curricular capacity, we hope that students will attend and support concerts, exhibitions, shows and sports fixtures.
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Year 10 & 11

Homework is set in order to:

- Reinforce and consolidate work covered in the lesson
- Encourage independent, reflective and collaborative learning
- Develop knowledge and understanding
- Prepare material for future work
- Complete Coursework

For KS4 homework, please set work for approximately 45 minutes on the respective days. Wherever possible deadlines should be for a week which will give the students an opportunity to schedule the many other activities they do outside of school.

Recording Of Homework:

- Homework should be set on Google Classroom.
 - It should be done in this format: SUBJECT - TEACHER - HW - Title - Duration
1. Agreements may be made in advance to reduce pressures on students, as well as ensuring that homework is done on time and of a high quality in all subjects.
 2. It is very important that all students treat every piece of homework with the same care and attention that it has been set with. Students should be producing their best work for every single piece of homework and sometimes at I/GCSE Level this can be stressful. On the vast majority of occasions students should not be given tasks that require handing in on the following day.
 3. If a student fails to meet a deadline, the subject teacher should deal with the issue on an individual basis but repeated missed deadlines will be raised with the tutor and the Head of Department.
 4. Persistent problems with the submission or quality of homework need to be referred to the Head of House.

Year 10 - Option Blocks:

A	B	C	D
Triple Science	Computer Science	Computer Science	GCSE PE
Design Technology	GCSE PE	Design Technology	Business Studies
Business Studies	Economics	Geography	Economics
History	History	French	Geography
Arabic	Art	Drama	Triple Science
	Music	Arabic	

Week A

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Science	Science	English	Science
Option Block A	Option Block C	Maths	Option Block B
		Option Block D	

Week B

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Science	Maths	Science	Science
Option Block A	Option Block C	Option Block D	Option Block B
			English

Year 11 - Option Blocks

A	B	C	D
Business	Economics	Design Technology	Drama
History	Drama	History	French
Economics	Business Studies	Triple Science	Geography
GCSE PE	Triple Science	Geography	Computer Science
	Computer Science	Music	Design Technology
			Art

Week A

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Science	Science	English	Science
Maths	Option Block A	Option Block D	Option Block C
	Option Block B		

Week B

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Science	Science	English	Science
Maths	Option Block A	Option Block C	Option Block B
		Option Block D	

Year 12 & 13

Homework is set in order to:

- Reinforce and consolidate work covered in the lesson
- Encourage independent, reflective and collaborative learning
- Develop knowledge and understanding
- Prepare material for future work
- Complete Coursework

For each subject:	Homework will be set as deemed appropriate by the subject teacher up to a maximum of 5 hours per subject per week. This can be completed in DS time and/or at home. Manageable deadlines should be set with 'next day' deadlines avoided
* Total 20 hours for students on 4 subjects and 15 hours for students on 3.	

1. A-Level students are studying multiple subjects and they wish to excel in all of them. At differing times of the school year some subjects may need to be prioritised over others. This may change the time that needs to be spent on each subject and is especially the case with coursework deadlines at A Level. During these times students will have to spend significantly more hours on these subjects, which may have a negative impact on the quality of the homework that they are doing in other subjects.

2. Please be understanding of this variation and be flexible with some deadlines at these critical times. All students have been told to communicate upcoming deadlines with their teachers so that agreements may be made in advance to reduce pressures on students, as well as ensuring that homework is done on time and of a high quality in all subjects.
3. It is very important that all students treat every piece of homework with the same care and attention that it has been set with. Students should be producing their best work for every single piece of homework and sometimes at Sixth Form Level this can be stressful. On the vast majority of occasions students should not be given tasks that require handing in on the following day.
4. If a student fails to meet a deadline, the subject teacher should deal with the issue on an individual basis but repeated missed deadlines will be raised with the tutor and the Head of Department.
5. Persistent problems with the submission or quality of homework need to be referred to the Head or Deputy Head of Sixth Form.