



HOMEWORK POLICY

The homework set should be both challenging and worthwhile. It should have a positive effect on progress and attainment and foster a passion for the subject. Homework is important to foster the independent study skills and good work habits essential for future success. Homework will be a mixture of **preparation for new learning** and **practise of skills and knowledge** for particular subjects.

Staff should ensure that

- Homework tasks set are suited to the needs and ability of the pupil
- Homework tasks are recorded on Show My Homework
- Pupils understand that the homework is closely related to the work they are engaged in at the school and is an important part of their learning
- The age and experience of the pupils is taken into account when setting homework.
- All pupils are given advice on homework skills in subject lessons

Setting homework

- As a guide homework will be set weekly in English, Maths and Science, and fortnightly in other subjects in KS3 and then weekly in KS4.
- A homework timetable will be shared with pupils to help them develop good learning habits.
- Homework may be set at any appropriate time during a lesson
- Homework will be explained clearly by the teacher, who will write it on the board or provide a pre-printed version of the task
- A clear deadline will be given and an idea of how long the homework should take and what quantity is expected
- It will occasionally be necessary to allow pupils 10 minutes at the end of a lesson to start the homework in order to ensure that they know how to carry out the work
- All homework tasks will be recorded on Show My Homework which will serve as a means of communication with parents.

Checking/Marking homework

- Homework will be checked as soon as possible;
- It may often be appropriate to spend the first 10 minutes of a lesson checking and going over aspects of the work;
- Effort and achievement will be rewarded through use of the RADI system
- Pupils failing to complete a piece of homework will be challenged as part of our standards and expectations.
- Records of non-completion of homework must be kept. The Head of Department, tutor and Parents' should be informed when homework is not completed on a regular basis.

Home/School Links

- The school asks parent/carers to consider the conditions under which their child completes their homework and to provide the necessary support and interest in the work
- The school will provide the resources and support for homework to be completed in school. Every pupil will be given this opportunity before school, at lunchtimes or at the end of the day.

The implementation of the homework policy will be regularly monitored by middle and senior leaders.

Key leadership questions:

- Are staff setting homework that prepares pupils for their learning?
- Are staff setting homework that ensures pupils practise skills/assess students knowledge retention and application and revise for examinations?
- Is homework checked as part of the QA system within years and subjects?

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