



HOMWORK POLICY

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Purpose of Homework

Homework should:

- reflect the schemes of work in subject areas
- be demanding yet manageable for students
- enhance student performance and achievement

Types of Homework

During a week, a student will be set Homework that is complementary to the work undertaken in class in order to extend and consolidate their understanding of the subject.

Homework will vary in type but will include tasks that are:

- Written
- Reading
- Preparation or revision of lesson material or knowledge
- Projects over a longer period of time

Time spent on Homework tasks

We recommend that students complete approximately the equivalent of:

- 1 hour of Homework per night in Year 7 & 8
- 1½ hours of Homework per night in Year 9
- 2 hours of Homework per night in Years 10 & 11
- 20 hours of independent study per week (including personal study time within school) for Years 12 & 13

Completion

As a rule, homework set on one day will not be due in the following day so that homework can be completed to a high standard but there may be rare occasions when this might be the case. Students are encouraged to plan their own work schedule at home and are expected to ensure completion by the set deadlines.

Recording

Homework is recorded on SIMS by the subject teacher and this can be accessed by parents and pupils at home. Students should also write their homework in their student planner. The teacher will also make it very clear to the class in the lesson when homework is to be handed in. Microsoft Teams may also be used for the setting of homework and provision of resources.

Good and consistent homework may be recognised through a positive merit on SIMS. Non-completion or unsatisfactory completion of homework will be highlighted in SIMS through a demerit and potential contact home.

Supporting Students in Completing Homework

There is a homework club on the Westfield Drive campus before and after school. At the Bexton Road campus, Teaching Assistants run a similar club for Year 9. These are primarily focused on vulnerable students, but all are welcome. There is also a lunchtime homework facility for students on Bexton Road. Sixth form students can use the study facilities available in the sixth form block during the day and after school.

Non-completion of Homework

It is important that, in the first instance, subject Teachers, supported by their Head of Subject/Faculty, deal with non-completion of homework. However, there may be students who do not complete homework across Faculties and in these circumstances, Heads of Year will lead a coordinated response, which can take several forms, e.g. a focused intervention group, report card or regular contact with parents.

Monitoring & Evaluation

Homework will be monitored as follows:

Faculties/Departments:

- Evaluation of tasks set, assessment criteria and marking schemes at the end of each unit of work
- The marking of homework will be monitored and evaluated within Faculty meetings and/or through appropriate work scrutiny
- Heads of Subject will monitor to ensure that meaningful homework is being set on a regular basis

Student Services:

- Heads of Year will use SIMs to monitor students who regularly do not complete homework and intervene where students show regular patterns/trends of non-completion

Leadership Team:

- Oversee monitoring of homework

Homework Timetables

The homework timetable is published on the Academy's website.

Years 7 to 9

Homework is set by subject teachers according to the fortnightly homework timetable. The number of homework tasks per fortnight is as follows:

- English, Mathematics and Science x 3
- Modern Foreign Languages x 2 per subject
- Geography, History and Religious Studies x 1

In addition to these areas, they may be set further homework in:

- Art and Design
- Computing
- Performing Arts

Page Break

Years 10 and 11

Homework is set by subject teachers according to the fortnightly homework timetable. The number of homework tasks per fortnight is as follows:

- 5 Options x 2 hours
- Maths, English & Science x 4 hours
- Additional Homework maybe set according to need.

- Maths, English & Science x 4 hours
- Options x 1 hour (across both weeks)
- Method Maths (every evening)
- Additional Homework maybe set according to need

Years 12 and 13

There is no formal timetable for the setting of independent study in the sixth form but it is expected that students will complete 2 hours of independent study tasks daily set by their teachers as well as a significant amount of their own independent study per week.