

Homework Policy 2023-24

At Mayfield we run a homework programme which provides students with key skills. Pupils receive regular tasks which are to be completed at home to aid their in class learning and support their independent learning skills. These homework tasks serve to embed the skills they have learnt that day in lesson, to develop skills and to revise prior knowledge and content.

The purpose of these homework tasks is to develop extended writing, literacy skills, independence, time management and a love of the subjects pupils are studying. In addition to supporting them to prepare for their assessments in both KS3 and KS4.

KS3 Homework

In KS3 pupils will receive; 30 minutes a week in core subjects- English, Maths and Science
30 minutes a fortnight in computing, Modern foreign languages and humanities
(Geography, History, RE and PSHE)

This will equate to around 3 hours homework per week. In addition, we strongly encourage all KS3 pupils to attend some of our extra-curricular clubs, there are a wide range on offer in the majority of our subject areas, particularly practical. All pupils should be reading from their private reading book for 15-30 minutes per day and taking Accelerated Reader quizzes on the books they read and attending an extra-curricular sports club.

KS4 Homework

In KS4 pupils will receive; 60 Minutes a week in core subjects – English, Maths and Science
60 Minutes a fortnight in options subjects.

This would equate to around 6 hours homework per week. Key Stage 4 homework could be a mixture of different activities: online revision, quizzes, assignments, videos, written answers, learning key vocabulary and terminology specific to subjects or practising a practical skill. The homework set will depend on the needs of the individual, class or subject.

Setting homework

Homework tasks may be set as booklets to complete throughout a term or half term or by the setting of individual tasks, these will always be explained in lessons by the teacher and all homework will be set via ClassCharts where there will be a description of the task and a copy of any resources needed. It is vital that both parents and pupils have access to the ClassCharts app to access the tasks set. If you have any issues with the ClassCharts app please contact the main office and they will be able to support with this.

Submitting homework

Some homework tasks may be set as online tasks for example via an online form to fill in and some may be set as tasks that must be hand written or typed. The teacher will always explain how homework tasks are to be submitted. If you have any queries over homework tasks please contact the teacher who set the task.

Homework expectations

At Mayfield we expect all homework set to be completed to the best of the pupil's ability and handed in on time. If these expectations are not met the teacher will set a consequence, which in most cases will be a detention to complete the homework.

Homework support

If you are unsure of any homework tasks set you should always ask the teacher who set it. Pupils can go to see them in person or you can contact them via email. We also run homework club every day after school from 3.00-4.00pm in room 143, there will be members of staff present to support pupils with their homework tasks. This is a good way to encourage pupils to manage their time and increase their independence with completion of homework tasks.