

Homework Guidelines 2018-19



Rationale and Purposes of Homework

Homework is an essential part of students' learning and progress. It provides valuable opportunities for independent work, extension of learning and deliberate practice and consolidation of in class learning.

Homework has a range of purposes that include:

- Deliberate practice and consolidation of work done in class.
- Providing further stretch and challenge.
- Providing opportunities for independent work.
- Preparation for exams and tests.
- Preparation for future class work.
- Developing library skills and use of other learning resources outside of school.
- Allowing assessment of students' progress and mastery of work.
- Developing students' good learning habits: organisation, meeting deadlines, resilience, independence, creativity, responsibility.
- Providing opportunities for parents/carers to get involved with their child's learning and creating channels for home-school dialogue.

Setting Homework

The school has a range of free and paid services that can support learners through home and independent learning. All are accessible through the intranet or school website and can be used at home by students on home PCs. Some even support mobile devices or have companion apps that students can download.



Edmodo



GCSEpod



Kerboodle



Linguascope



MyMaths



SAM
Learning



Google
Classroom

Homework tasks for students in Years 7, 8 and 9

Homework tasks for students in years 7 and 8 should aim to take on average around 20 to 30 minutes to complete. This should increase to around 45 to 60 minutes by Year 9.

Homework tasks for students in Years 10, 11 and Post 16

Homework tasks for students in Years 10, 11 and Post 16 may take 60 to 90 minutes.

Frequency of Homework

Homework tasks should be set at a frequency proportional to curriculum time.

Homework / Independent Study tasks should be set:

- Years 7, 8 and 9 - once a week for core subjects (English Maths, Science, MfL, Humanities).
- Years 7, 8 and 9 - once a fortnight for all other subjects.
- Yrs 10 and 11 Examination subjects - once a week **plus additional** revision and exam paper practice
- Post 16 tasks should be set on the "hour for an hour" principle.



Recording Homework Tasks

- In Years 7-11 full details of all homework tasks will be recorded in student planners, including the deadline/due date.
- Homework records in planners are checked on a regular basis by tutors to ensure students are managing their homework effectively.
- To further support learners and provide accurate records of set tasks and boost homework completion rates all set homework tasks should be published on Google Classroom.
- Supporting resources such as worksheets, writing frames, exemplar work, PowerPoint presentations, video, etc. should be attached. (Please note that SMART Notebook files cannot currently be opened by students when off site so it is best to convert these to PDF).

Homework during School Breaks

- Homework might be set during school breaks; especially revision and preparation work in the lead up to assessments and summative examinations.