

**Principle:**

The School sets homework as a valuable way of helping students to review work done in lessons and of providing reinforcement and consolidation of learning. It can also enrich and extend their learning and encourages organisation and discipline in order to meet deadlines and fulfil a learning responsibility. Homework should cater for a range of learning styles and provide students with tasks relevant to their needs and abilities. Class teachers will monitor the completion of homework to a good standard and, where appropriate, provide written or verbal feedback on homework tasks to put value on the task and help students to make progress. Parents/carers are required to access Show My Homework to monitor their child's workload and support them in meeting deadlines. Parents will help their child to understand the self-esteem benefits of producing quality work and to make sure that there are suitable working conditions at home. The school will develop effective channels of communication with parents/carers so that they are empowered to support their child's development and the completion of their homework to the highest possible standard.

**Purpose:**

- To encourage students to learn independently
- To develop the independent study skills and discipline that will enable students to prepare for and excel in examinations
- To build students' confidence in their ability to memorise key information from the beginning of Year 7
- To enrich the learning process and reinforce work done in lessons
- To provide additional means whereby understanding can be assessed and learning gaps closed
- To inform parents/carers about what their children are learning and allow them to observe and monitor progress

**The school will:**

Support government recommendations of the following

Years 7/8      up to 1 hour per day

Year 9          up to 1 – 2 hours per day

Years 10/11    up to 1½ - 2½ hours per day

- Ensure a good balance between subjects that require different types of skills and knowledge.
- All homework is published through Show My Homework to help parents to keep informed of the homework set for their child and to support them in its completion
- Assistant Headteacher for Curriculum, Pathways and Assessment to liaise with Middle Level Leader's (MLL) to ensure that challenging homework is being set regularly and frequently across the subject range
- Teachers keep a record of whether individual students complete homework.
- MLL's sample exercise books and run Show My Homework reports to check
  - Call teachers are setting homework appropriate to the needs of the students
  - Students are given feedback on how to improve
  - Students are completing homework to a satisfactory standard
  - Action is being taken by the teacher if homework is not completed

Failure to complete homework

- Class teachers will issue a sanction and inform parents as appropriate. If a student continues to fail to complete homework the class teacher should contact the parent again and escalate the sanction so that the missing homework is completed at school under supervision. Records of these actions are kept and the MLL informed.
- After three detentions in close succession the class teacher will refer to the MLL. The MLL will contact parents, mentor the student and detain.
- If this action is not successful, the MLL will refer the student to the HoH providing evidence that the parents have been contacted and the student has been detained. **Form tutors, MLLs & HoHs should all keep a record of all monitoring procedures completed.**

### **Evaluation**

The success of this policy will be determined by the outcomes of the monitoring procedures outlined above. 'Show My Homework' reports will be run to assess parental and student engagement and the assessment of homework set by subject, teacher and year group. If parents/carers have any concerns about homework they should contact the subject teacher concerned, the relevant MLL, the relevant Head of House or the Assistant Headteacher for Curriculum, Pathways and Assessment.

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