



Homework Policy

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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 satchel:one/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 term 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 so that they are equipped for lifelong learning
- To develop students' independent study skills, habits and self-discipline so that they are empowered to 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 the following government recommendations:

	Hours of homework per day
Years 7-8	Up to 1
Year 9	Up to 1 – 2
Years 10-11	Up to 1½ - 2½

In delivering this, subject areas who benefit from the greatest amount of curriculum time are expected to set homework more frequently than those with less curriculum time. The approximate fortnightly rate is as follows:

Years 7-11	Maths, English, Science	2 homework tasks per fortnight
	All other subjects	1 homework task per fortnight

- All homework is published through Satchel:one/Show My Homework to keep parents and carers informed of the homework set for their child so that they are able to monitor and support them in its completion
- Assistant Headteacher with responsibility for homework (JMR) to run parent and student engagement reports to identify possible non-engagement/barriers to engagement and to contact parents as appropriate
- Assistant Headteacher with responsibility for homework (JMR) to run whole school quantitative reports and qualitative surveys to quality assure homework being set across the school
- Assistant Headteacher with responsibility for homework (JMR) to liaise with Middle Level Leader's (MLL) to ensure that challenging homework is being set regularly and frequently across the subject range
- MLLs to run quantitative SMHW reports to track the quantity of homework being set by their team
- MLLs to conduct qualitative surveys of homework being set by their team
- Teachers to keep a record of whether individual students complete homework and report to parents when persistent non-completion becomes evident
- MLL's sample exercise books reports to check the following:
 - all 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

In cases of student failure to complete homework

- When students fail to complete a homework task this will be recorded by the class teacher and a sanction issued
- When students persistently fail to complete homework the class teacher will inform their parents/carers. The class teacher will also inform their MLL.
- Where failure to complete homework is persistent parents will be kept informed and sanctions escalated
- 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 inform this. If parents/carers have any concerns about homework they should, in the first instance, contact the subject teacher concerned. If their concerns remain or if the issue concerns more than one subject parents/carers should contact the relevant MLL, the relevant Head of House or the Assistant Headteacher with responsibility for homework (JMR).