
Rationale

We believe that learning at home helps our students to become independent Learners. Homework not only reinforces classroom learning, it also helps students to further develop skills and attitudes they need for successful lifelong learning.

Homework must be

- ✦ worthwhile and relevant to the learning objectives of the subject
- ✦ appropriate and relevant to students stage in learning
- ✦ acknowledged and recorded by subject teachers (either formally or informally)
- ✦ an integral part of the teaching and learning programme in departmental schemes of work

GUIDELINES

All homework is logged by staff on Class Charts.

- ✦ All students and parents/carers have access to Class Charts. You do not need a password or user name to access the work set.
- ✦ It is the students responsibility to write their homework in their planner
- ✦ Some students may need guidance at home to enable them to complete the work set.
- ✦ Heads of Faculty will identify within schemes of work, appropriate materials and tasks that can be completed at home. Tasks can include any activity to enhance and develop learning. Creative approaches are strongly recommended.
- ✦ Homework is related to the age and stage of each learner. Teachers will make sure when the tasks are to be completed and how they will be reviewed.

Non-Completion of Homework

If students do not engage with their homework, the following process takes place:

- ✦ Students will be invited to attend homework club. This runs four nights a week in the school's library.
- ✦ In the event that a student misses several homework deadlines a letter will be sent home.

Time Allocation for Homework

The amount of time spent on homework will vary widely between individual students and at different times of the year. The table below is for guidance purposes only.

Year	Aims	Estimated time per week
Year 7- Foundations	Establishing independence- focusing on key aspects of the ks3 curriculum	2-4hrs
Year 8- Transition	Building on routine and independence. Introducing more rigour in preparation for GCSE	2-5hrs
Year 9- Preparation	Increased volume and rigour in preparation for GCSE	3-5hrs
Year 10 GCSE	Exam Focused	6-9hrs
Year 11 GCSE	Exam Focused	6-9hrs
Year 12	Exam Focused	9-12hrs including independent study
Year 13	Exam Focused and preparation for transition to further education and employment	9-12hrs including independent study