



Homework Policy

Aims:

Homework is an integral part of children's learning experiences. The purpose of homework is to:

- Consolidate, reinforce or learn knowledge and skills prior to the following lesson.
- Develop children's independent learning and revision skills to support progress in all subjects.
- Develop an effective partnership between the school, parents and other carers in pursuing the academic aims of the school and the development of their child.

Setting and Monitoring Homework:

The school uses a range of online platforms to set and distribute homework to the children; namely Sparx, Microsoft Teams, Duolingo and Seneca.

The core subjects of English, Maths and Science use the platform Sparx and Modern Foreign languages (MFL) uses Duolingo. Whilst the other subjects use Microsoft Teams to outline homework set. This is updated by teachers when homework tasks are set. Children are encouraged to download the Teams app onto their phones and desktops, which will provide push notifications and reminders about new homework set and deadlines. All teachers will be expected to set homework either using Teams or one of the other online platforms listed above. Sparx will be used by the Senior Leadership Team and Heads of Department to ensure homework is consistently set according to departmental homework guidance.

Key Stage 3 Homework:

In Year 7 and 8, homework is set weekly, bi-termly or termly according to each department's homework guidance. The core subjects will set work through the Sparx platform on a weekly basis. Children that do not complete this will be identified and given support to complete the tasks each week. Humanities, Creative Arts and Design Technology will set homework tasks that will be available at the start of each term in a homework booklet published on the school website.

Year 7s have a phased introduction to homework:

Term	Subjects
Autumn Term 1	English, Maths, Science, MFL
Autumn Term 2	English, Maths, Science, MFL, Humanities, Design Technology, Languages and Creative Arts
Spring Term	English, Maths, Science, MFL, Humanities, Languages and Creative Arts
Summer Term	English, Maths, Science, MFL, Humanities, Design Technology, Languages and Creative Arts

Subject	Homework Frequency
Art	Bi-termly Project
Design Technology	Termly Project
English	Weekly
Geography	Fortnightly
History	Fortnightly
Maths	Weekly
MFL	Weekly
Science	Weekly

Key Stage 4 Homework:

At GCSE, homework is set weekly for the core subjects of English, Maths and Science. For all other subjects homework is set fortnightly according to each department's homework guidance. The time it takes to complete one piece of homework at Key Stage 4 will vary according to the nature of the homework being set. However, teachers will identify on Teams the amount of time to be spent on the homework set.

Students who fail to complete homework:

Individual departments are responsible for ensuring that children complete homework in their subject area. In the first instance, the subject teacher will organise for the child to return either at break or lunch to complete their homework.

Should children fail to attend this, a Head of Department homework intervention will be set. The date and length of this intervention will be at the Head of Department's discretion.

If there is a continuous active refusal to complete the work, then it will be referred by the Head of Department to the relevant Head of Year to arrange for the child to attend a Head of Year detention for one hour. The Head of Year detentions are held after school on Fridays. During this time, the homework should be completed and the classroom teacher will provide the relevant information and resources prior to the detention.

Homework Club:

Every afternoon, the LRC will be open from 3pm to 5pm in order for children to access facilities to complete their homework. This is fully staffed with teaching assistants who will offer additional support to any child struggling with their homework. Children will have access to a range of resources, such as IT facilities, paper and colouring pens. All children are encouraged to use this resource if they are struggling with homework content or their time management.

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