

Homework Policy

Aims:

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

- Consolidate, reinforce or learn knowledge & skills prior to the following lesson.
- Develop children's independent learning & 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 the *Show My Homework* app to outline homework set. This is updated daily by teachers. Children and parents are encouraged to download the homework app onto their phones and desktops, which will provide push notifications and reminders about new homework set & deadlines.

All teachers will be expected to set homework using *Show My Homework* (SMHW) and will indicate on SIMS if the homework has not been completed. Parents will receive a notification from INSIGHT if homework is not completed.

Show My Homework will be used by the Senior Leadership Team & Heads of Department to ensure homework is consistently set according to departmental homework guidance. Each department's guidance is published on the school website (under the School Information heading) to guide parents in supporting children with their homework.

Key Stage 3 Homework:

In Year 7 & 8, homework is set weekly, fortnightly or termly according to each department's homework guidance. Projects will include fortnightly "milestones" to support the assessment of pupils' progress & to ensure that all work is not left until the end of term. One piece of homework should take no longer than 30 minutes.

Year 7s have a phased introduction to homework:

<u>Term</u>	<u>Subjects</u>
Autumn Term 1 (until October half-term)	English, Maths, Science
Autumn Term 2 (October half-term to Christmas)	English, Maths, Science, RE, Humanities, Languages, PSHE
Spring Term/Summer Term	All subjects set homework as per below

Subject	Homework Frequency
Art	Fortnightly
Design Technology	Termly Project
English	Weekly
French	Fortnightly
Food	Termly Project
Geography	Fortnightly
History	Fortnightly
ICT	Termly Project
Maths	Weekly
Performing Arts	Termly Project
RE	Fortnightly
PSHE	Weekly
Science	Fortnightly
Spanish	Fortnightly

Key Stage 4 Homework:

At GCSE, homework is set weekly or 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 SMHW the amount of time to be spent on the homework set.

Subject	Homework schedule
Art	Weekly
Business Studies – GCSE and BTEC	Fortnightly
Computer Science	Fortnightly
Creative iMedia	Weekly
Dance	Weekly
Design Technology	Fortnightly
Drama	Weekly
English	Weekly
Enterprise & Marketing	Fortnightly
French	Fortnightly
Food	Fortnightly
Geography	Fortnightly
Graphics	Fortnightly
History	Fortnightly
Maths	Weekly
Music	Weekly
Physical Education GCSE/Sports Studies	Fortnightly
RE	Fortnightly
PSHE	Fortnightly
Science – Double and Triple	Fortnightly per subject strand
Spanish	Fortnightly
Textiles	Weekly

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. This will be logged on SIMS and parents/carers will receive a notification of this from INSIGHT.

Should children fail to attend this, a Head of Department homework intervention will be set. The date & 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 restore session for one hour. The Head of Year restore sessions 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 restore session.

Homework Club:

Every afternoon, until 4pm, each year group zone will have a homework club running to support children in getting their homework done. This is fully staffed with teaching assistants who will offer additional support to any child struggling with their homework. Children will have access to IT facilities and printing. All children are encouraged to use this resource if they are struggling with homework content or their time management.