

# HOMEWORK POLICY

Homework (which is not necessarily written work) is to be set regularly in accordance with homework timetable. Homework timetables will be issued to all students in Years 7-11.

The following guidelines should be used when setting homework:

Year 7	30 minutes per subject per week
Year 8	30 minutes per subject per week
Year 9	40 minutes per subject per week
Year 10	60 minutes per subject per week
Year 11	60 minutes per subject per week

## THE PURPOSE OF HOMEWORK

Homework is an essential part of the reinforcement and extension of the learning process in school. It is for:

- Independent learning
- Consolidation
- Practice – learning by doing
- Completion of course work assignments
- Self-discipline
- Research
- Work not suited to the classroom situation
- Student/parent/teacher partnership

## ARRANGEMENTS FOR HOMEWORK

Homework is set, on a regular basis, for all students according to the timetables published at the commencement of the academic year, by the Leadership Team.

The time shown on the timetable is an indication of the average time taken to complete the quantity of work set. Should the amount of time spent on the homework by an individual be significantly different on a regular basis to that indicated on the timetable, parents are asked to contact the school and discuss the matter with the appropriate Student Development Leader.

## RANGE OF HOMEWORK TASKS

### Homework may take the form of:

Investigations	Interviews	Simple experiments	Essay writing	Research
Drafting		Report writing	Reading	Projects
Designing		Making a model	Revision	Drawing
Work processing		Desktop publishing		

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On the occasions when no specific task is set students are advised to read around the subject and to revise as necessary. (The above list is not exhaustive but illustrative of the type of activities).

In the Sixth Form students are expected, as a matter of course, to read widely and to study in addition to the formal tasks set.

### **SANCTIONS**

Failure to submit homework assignments by the deadline, in the absence of extenuating circumstances, will be dealt with by departments. This is to ensure that students realise the importance of adhering to a deadline and also to help them adopt a disciplined attitude towards study.

### **ROLE OF PARENTS AND CARERS**

We encourage parents and carers as far as possible to:

- Provide a reasonably peaceful, suitable place in which students can do their homework or help the student to attend another place where homework can be done.
- Support the school by indicating to the student that they value homework and explain the importance of homework in helping them to make progress
- Encourage the student and praise them when homework is completed
- Check homework diaries on a regular basis
- Expect deadlines to be met and check that they are

### **FEEDBACK FOR STUDENTS**

Homework will be marked on a regular basis in line with the school marking policy.

### **FACILITIES FOR HOMEWORK**

Students may use the Resources Centre during the lunch-break and before and after school for the purpose of completing homework assignments.

### **MONITORING THE POLICY**

Senior and Middle managers monitor the quality of all written work and marking on a regular basis throughout the school year by sampling books from all year groups and all subjects.

### **REVIEW OF THE POLICY**

The policy will be reviewed every two years and comments will be invited from parents at the annual meeting with the Governors.

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