



Homework

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Aims of Homework

- To reinforce work carried out in lessons thus increasing a student's knowledge and understanding.
- To foster a habit of self-discipline where students see the need to continue their studies out of school hours.
- To encourage students to work independently, in some cases pursuing their own individual line of enquiry.

Nature of Homework

Homework may take many forms including reading, learning for a test or exam, research, creative work and problem solving. It will not usually involve the completion of work started in class.

Student Planners

A planner, issued to all students, helps them to organise their work and study. Students should enter each piece of homework into their planner; the planner can also be used for relaying information between parents and the form tutor.

Homework in Key Stage 3

Homework timetables are issued at the start of the school year for all students in Years 7, 8 and 9. The homework timetable should be copied into the student's planner. Form teachers, heads of subject and heads of year will monitor the setting and monitoring of homework by checking students' planners and exercise books on a regular basis. Any problem with the setting and/or marking of

homework will be referred to the individual subject teacher in the first instance.

Homework in Key Stage 4

Students in years 10 – 11 should have acquired good working habits by this stage and many will be heavily involved in the rigorous demands of GCSE coursework. Due to the variety of courses pursued in years 10 and 11 the homework demands will be diverse. However, as a general rule, a student on a GCSE course, or other course leading to an external examination, should spend at least one hour per week at home on each subject. Occasionally students will be given an extended piece of work to cover a number of homeworks. Students are expected to organise their time in an appropriate manner over the time allocated. There is clearly no maximum time limit but students are advised not to spend more than 3 hours on school work during any one evening.

