



HOMEWORK

Revised September 2018

The school believes that homework is an essential part of a pupil's learning experience. It is set regularly and homework timetables are given annually to pupils in years 7–11. Subject and form staff will support pupils in the development of the time management skills needed and we value the cooperation of parents in establishing good homework patterns. The time allocated to each subject in the timetable is a maximum although a single piece of homework may be spread over more than one session. Open ended exercises will have a clear time limit and two weeks homework time will be given for major tests so revision can be planned.

Pupils keep a record of their homework in either their planner (years 7) or on their iPad (years 8 and above), and this should help both parents and form staff to monitor each pupil's work schedule. Pupils note the time they have spent on each piece of written work at the end and this will be monitored during work scrutiny.

It is very important that homework forms a meaningful part of the work in a particular subject and subject staff will not set homework for its own sake. Heads of department will outline suggested homework in their schemes of work. The nature and length of the exercises set will vary according to the subject and the age of the pupil.

By the time pupils reach year 10, staff will encourage pupils to undertake reading and self-directed work as well as completing the tasks set by their teachers. By the Sixth Form pupils should be expected to undertake four to five hours a week of study for each of their subjects. Guidance on the nature of tasks is provided to pupils at appropriate points as they progress through the school.

Different types of homework are set, which for some tasks may be set and/or submitted electronically using Firefly.

The types of homework include:

- tasks which extend classwork
- learning
- revision
- written/research assignments
- topics for self-study
- practical exercises
- reading
- longer term assignments/projects/coursework

Subject staff allow a reasonable amount of time for homework to be completed, bearing in mind that many pupils have activities outside of school time. Homework must be submitted on time, unless there are extenuating circumstances acceptable to the member of staff concerned.

When pupils are absent for a lesson, it is their responsibility to discuss with the member of staff what homework needs to be completed.

If homework is handed in late, subject teachers decide on appropriate sanctions, in consultation with the head of department, if necessary. The electronic concern system is used to notify the form tutor and head of year. Repeated offences will lead to the notification of parents.

When pupils have a period of outside commitments (e.g. a musical show or sporting commitment) they may, with permission from the relevant head of year arrange to complete homework assignments during the school day.