

Homework Expectations 2024/25

Aims

Homework is an integral part of education in that it:

- Promotes students' self-discipline and personal responsibility for learning and organisation.
- Reinforces work started in class, extending knowledge and understanding.
- Gives opportunities to practise and develop skills.
- Allows parents to become involved in their child's learning.
- Is valuable in ensuring students' progress and raising achievement.

The academy does not have a fixed homework timetable and each department will set meaningful homework when appropriate for that subject.

The amount of time spent on each homework task is should be appropriate for the task and but within the following guidelines:

Key Stage 3	English, Maths, Science	Languages	Humanities	Art, Technology, PE, ICT, TD, Performing Arts, Music
	Weekly	Fortnightly	Fortnightly	Fortnightly
	30 - 60 minutes per subject	60 minutes per subject	60 minutes per subject	30 minutes per subject

Key Stage 4	English, Maths, Science	All other subjects
	Weekly	Fortnightly
	60 minutes per subject	60 minutes per subject

Key Stage 5	All subjects
	Weekly
	200 - 300 minutes per subject*

* At KS5 the most successful students will be doing ten hours a week of work outside of lessons per subject, this also includes independent study

The role of students

- Take responsibility for learning and submit completed work in a timely manner.
- Make sure they understand the tasks that have been set and seek clarification if required.
- Take pride in the presentation and content of their homework and perform to a high standard.

Students who fail to complete homework

- All students are expected to complete homework on time and to a high standard.
- The completion of homework is compulsory. Failure to complete or hand in homework will be treated as a serious issue and sanctions will be imposed.
- Where there are issues with homework, parents are encouraged to contact the relevant teacher.

The role of parents in supporting their child

- To support your child's academic progress we urge parents to:
- Provide a peaceful place in which their child can do their homework, or encourage them to attend homework clubs.
- Make it clear to their child that they value homework.
- Encourage their child and praise them when they have completed homework.
- Expect deadlines to be met and check that they are.
- Check and sign their child's planner each week.

Students with Special Educational Needs

- We recognise that students with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) may require that specific tasks be set that are consistent with a student's Individual Education Plans.
- While students with SEND may benefit from special tasks separate from the homework received from other students, it is important that they also do as much in common with other students.
- A balanced amount of the right type of homework will be set for students with SEND, in consultation with the parents and the Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator.