

## Section 4.3 Homework Policy

Homework should be challenging and, where necessary or appropriate, differentiate according to ability. Students should record the homework set for each subject in their diaries. Teachers are advised to write the homework set (in brief understandable form) on the board before the end of the lesson, so that all students have time to write it in their diaries. Parents are requested to check these entries regularly and to sign the book each week as an acknowledgement that what has been entered has been completed. Form Tutors should check and sign diaries weekly.

Homework is set regularly for every student in the school. In Years 7 - 9, there is a set homework timetable for each form group. Years 10, 11 and the Sixth Form are expected to organise their own individual homework schedules depending on their option subjects and should work for at least two hours per evening.

### ***The Lower School***

Homework in the Lower School is set for all subjects except Physical Education. Mathematics, English and Science have two pieces of homework per week and other subjects have one. The Lower School homework timetables are displayed on the staffroom noticeboard. Reading is considered so important that it is also included in the Y7/8 homework timetable.

Generally, homework should be completed on the night that it is set in Years 7-9 but practical subjects (Art, DT, ICT and Music) may be completed at any time before the next week's lesson. It is suggested that Art homework is best done in daylight hours at the weekends.

Homework set should not exceed 30 minutes per subject for students in Years 7 and 8, and 40 minutes for students in Year 9.

### ***The Upper School***

Upper School students are given days or dates by which their homework should be completed. Students are taught how to manage their learning to cope with the demands of the G.C.S.E. programme, including how to organise time.

### ***The Sixth Form***

Rigorous setting and completion of homework is a central aspect of sixth form study. Sixth Formers are encouraged to manage their time effectively during study periods, using these opportunities to study independently.

Sixth form students are expected to complete a minimum of six hours' independent study outside the classroom each week and a good deal more in key periods before public examination and when undertaking any coursework elements to their course. This additional study may take the form of traditional essays and conventional homework tasks, but students are also expected to engage in wider reading, attending public lectures, listening to podcasts, visiting galleries and many other tasks.

Teachers should monitor homework and independent study by prompt marking of homework and regular note and book checking.

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