Homework Policy
2020/21

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Homework is an essential tool in student learning. Research demonstrates that if a student completes an hour of homework each week night for five years the student gains the equivalent of an extra year of learning. Homework supports student progress by providing opportunities for:

- Mastering knowledge and skills
- Closing gaps in learning
- Developing academic self-confidence and the self-discipline to work independently
- Learning how to revise.

**Years 9, 10 and 11 self-quizzing homework programme**

Students in years 9, 10 and 11 will be set between 30-60 minutes of self-quizzing homework per night. Students must check and correct self-quizzing using a coloured pen as part of their homework routine. Students should complete a minimum of 1 A4 page on the specified knowledge organiser or topic in their **100% Book**. For additional guidance and examples of effective self-quizzing please see the student self-quizzing guidance sheet/ (You tube link).

Homework is set by the HOD for the subject in accordance with their scheme of work. The homework schedule for each year group is published on the school website and is checked by tutors during daily tutor time. Subject teachers will set a ‘Do Now’ quiz of ten questions for each homework set. Students in Year 11 follow subject revision plans from January each year and do not complete formal homework from this point.

In addition to the homework schedule students should also complete at least one enrichment activity each week. Students can self-select tasks to complete and will earn house points for themselves and their tutor group.

When completing coursework/NEA students should show evidence of their work to their tutor as detailed on the homework plans for the subject. This work will also be formally assessed in line with their department scheme of work.

**Monitoring and rewarding quality of work**

Students are awarded between 1 – 3 house points for completion of work (1-work is complete to a basic standard; 2 – work is complete and corrected by student; 3 – student takes pride in work, it is well organised). Failure to complete homework is logged on sims by tutor as a C2, this information is communicated to parents via sims app. Students will not receive a detention.

**Homework Timetable**

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Post 16 homework

Applied and A Level students will be given 1 hour of homework for each hour in class. Vocational students will be given 1 hour each week in addition to WEX placements. Homework at Sixth Form takes a variety of forms: self-quizzing, practice questions, wider-reading, non-examined assessments, work experience preparation, research and note making. Homework is set and checked by the subject teacher who will issue rewards or log C2.

Holiday homework

During the holidays year 9 will not be set homework; they can, of course, choose to continue mastering knowledge using their knowledge organiser to self-quizz. Year 10 and 11 will continue to be set homework. Post-16 will continue to be set between 2-3 hours per subject per week.

Parental support

Family support with homework is vital for student motivation and success. Ways to support students with their homework:

1. Use the homework schedule published on the school website to understand what students have to complete.
2. Look at student’s homework daily; when self-quizzing, check students have been self-correcting using an alternative colour pen.
3. Test students verbally using their knowledge organisers.
4. Provide students with a quiet and calm working environment away from distractions such as mobile phones, TV, the internet. Please note that for self-quizzing and practice questions the use of the internet and IT are not needed unless stated in the homework instructions.

Additional homework support

When students repeatedly fail to complete homework tutors can support students in one or more of the following ways: talking to the student, phoning home, informing the subject teacher, informing the achievement leader, recommending the student for homework club.

1 or 2 missed homeworks – discussion with student.
3 or more missed homeworks in one week – phone home to discuss with parent.
3 or more missed homeworks in one subject per half term – inform subject teacher who should have a discussion with student about the content to be memorised and phone home.

6 or more missed homeworks in a two week period – achievement leader to phone home and student to attend weekly homework club for two weeks.
**Enrichment activities**

In order to support all students to achieve their full potential WSC provides an enrichment programme for students. These activities allow students to explore new skills, extend and consolidate classwork, develop cultural capital and provide opportunities for independent research into a subject area/skill of their choice.

All students are expected to complete at least one enrichment task a week. Completion of tasks earns reward points for students and their tutor groups. Many students will complete more than one enrichment task a week.

Reward points for enrichment tasks are recorded by the subject teacher or leader of the activity.

Enrichment activities can take many forms

- Online learning to support classwork
- Practice tasks to support classwork
- Research projects to deepen and extend knowledge beyond the curriculum
- Attendance to sports or extracurricular clubs
- School trips

Details of the Enrichment can be found in the Enrichment booklet published on the school website.