



Homework Policy (Senior School Pupils)

The school believes effective homework is a vital element in developing pupils' study skills and their ability to learn and organise themselves independently. It is a key mechanism for extending and consolidating learning and for challenging pupils to think for themselves.

Homework length and frequency

In years 7 to 11 a homework timetable is in place to help pupils to organise their time. As far as possible, the homework timetable will spread homework evenly over the week.

Guidance is issued on the amount of homework to be set in school holidays. This is so that all pupils get time for rest and relaxation as well as support with revision and consolidation when appropriate.

Year 7 will not have homework set in the first week of the Autumn term. In this time the pupils will be introduced to the assignments section of Teams and have the Homework Policy explained.

Each homework should take approximately the amount of time set out below, although teachers may choose to set a longer homework which spans more than one homework allocation.

- Years 7 to 9: 30 minutes per homework. (Except for some shorter 15 minute homeworks in Modern Languages.)
- Years 10/11: 40 minutes per homework.
- Year 12: 3 hours per week in each subject with students spending an additional hour on private study.
- Year 13: 4 hours per week in each subject with students spending at least an additional hour on private study.

Responsibilities of the teacher

- To follow the homework timetable.
- To set homework of an appropriate length and explain to pupils what they should do if a homework takes longer.
- To ensure that homework is meaningful and well-pitched so that it has a positive impact on progress.
- To check and review homework to ensure that it is completed to a high standard and to provide feedback.

Responsibilities of the pupil

- To complete homework to the best of their ability.
- To ensure that they have a clear understanding of the homework set and what is required.
- To check Teams assignments daily, keeping their task list up to date.
- To ensure that homework is submitted on time and in the format specified by their teacher.

- To inform the subject teacher and/or form tutor if there is a problem over any homework wherever possible before the due date.
- Sixth form students should understand that further independent study, beyond completing homework set, is a key component of achieving high grades.

Responsibilities of parents

We hope that all parents will take an active interest in their child's homework and provide encouragement and support. The following will help pupils to develop and sustain the right attitudes and habits:

- Please ensure that there is somewhere quiet to undertake their homework undisturbed.
- Please familiarise yourself with the MyColfe's site where all homework tasks and due dates can be found.
- Help your child to organise their time effectively and encourage them to adopt a regular routine so that homework is done on time and so that they have time to pursue other interests and to relax.
- Encourage your child to take pride in completing work to the best of their ability.
- If there are circumstances inhibiting the completion of homework tasks inform the form tutor. If the problem concerns just one subject, please inform the appropriate subject teacher.

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