



SHARJAH ENGLISH SCHOOL

Year 7-13 HOMEWORK POLICY

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Homework at SES

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Year 7,8 & 9

Homework is one component to the holistic education of a child. Homework can help to foster the positive development of motivation, curiosity, and confidence. Homework can contribute toward building responsibility, self-discipline, and life-long learning habits. It can also provide opportunities to deepen understanding. However, extra-curricular activities are also an essential part of the holistic education of a child, as are activities outside of school and family experiences.

Given the busy lives of our students we need to maintain a healthy balance between academic development, commitment to extracurricular activities and a busy home and family life. We believe that there should be **Weekly Homework** tasks that every child should be able to complete on the evenings of Monday to Thursday. In addition there should be **Extension Homework** tasks that children may explore their curiosity and love of learning in these subjects. The purpose of each is explained below:

WEEKLY HOMEWORK

- To prepare for a concept or a unit that will be studied in the future.
- To provide an opportunity to integrate newly learned concepts and skills with prior learning.
- To provide practice or reinforcement for what students have learned in the classroom.
- To provide independent practice and reinforcement of proper study habits taught in school.
- To provide opportunity for increasing self-direction, time-management, and independence through extended project work.
- To finish off work that has not been completed in class.

EXTENSION HOMEWORK

- To elaborate, enrich, and/or extend the understanding of a student through self-inquiry and self-application.

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Week A	Week B	Extension
English	Maths	Music
Science	Geography	Drama
Arabic	French	Islamic Studies
DT	Art	PE
History	Computer Science	

Task Guidelines

- Subjects should set homework which lasts up to a maximum of:
 - 30 minutes for Y7 & 8
 - 40 minutes for Y9 in preparation for GCSEs.
- Extension Subjects may set homework infrequently. No more than once a month.
- Students should be given 1 week to complete work. If work is set in Week A it should be collected in Week B.
- Please allow students plenty of time to Record Homework in their planner

For Year 7 Only:

As Year 7 start to get into the routine of life in the Secondary School please can we adhere to the following guidelines:

- No homework should be set for week 1 & 2.
- Only weekly homework tasks should be set for week 3 & 4.
- From week 5 - full homework schedule.

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Year 10 & 11

Homework is set in order to:

- Reinforce and consolidate work covered in the lesson
- Encourage independent, reflective and collaborative learning
- Develop knowledge and understanding
- Prepare material for future work
- Complete Coursework

For KS4 homework, please could work for approximately **40 minutes on the respective days**. Wherever possible deadlines should be for a week which will give the students an opportunity to schedule the many other activities they do outside of school.

Year 10

Week A

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Science	Science	English	Science
Option C	Option A	Maths	Option D
	Option B		Arabic

Week B

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Science	Science	Maths	Science
Option C	Option D	Option B	English
	Arabic		Option A

Option Blocks

A	B	C	D
Art	Business Studies	Computer Science	Drama
Business Studies	Drama	French	DT
History	DT	Geography	Geography
Triple Science	Economics	History	PE
			Triple Science

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Year 11

Week A

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Option A	Maths	Science	Science
Science	Option C	English	Option D
	Arabic		Option B

Week B

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Science	Maths	Science	Science
English	Option A	Option D	Option B
	Arabic		Option C

Option Blocks

A	B	C	D
Art	Business Studies	Computer Science	Business Studies
Computer Science	DT	Geography	DT
Drama	Economics	PE	Economics
History	French	Triple Science	History
Triple Science	Geography		

1. All I/GCSE students are studying multiple subjects and they wish to excel in all of them. At differing times of the school year some subjects may need to be prioritised over others. This may change the time that needs to be spent on each subject.
2. Please be understanding of this variation and be flexible with some deadlines at these critical times. All students have been told to communicate upcoming deadlines with their teachers so that agreements may be made in advance to reduce pressures on students, as well as ensuring that homework is done on time and of a high quality in all subjects.
3. It is very important that all students treat every piece of homework with the same care and attention that it has been set with. Students should be producing their best work for every single

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piece of homework and sometimes at I/GCSE Level this can be stressful. **On the vast majority of occasions students should not be given tasks that require handing in on the following day.**

4. If a student fails to meet a deadline, the subject teacher should deal with the issue on an individual basis but repeated missed deadlines will be raised with the tutor and the Head of Department.
5. Persistent problems with the submission or quality of homework need to be referred to the Head of Key Stage.

Year 12 & 13

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- Develop knowledge and understanding
- Prepare material for future work
- Complete Coursework

For each subject:	Homework will be set as deemed appropriate by the subject teacher up to a maximum of 5 hours per subject per week. This can be completed in DS time and/or at home. Manageable deadlines should be set with 'next day' deadlines avoided
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* Total 20 hours for students on 4 subjects and 15 hours for students on 3.

1. A-Level students are studying multiple subjects and they wish to excel in all of them. At differing times of the school year some subjects may need to be prioritised over others. This may change the time that needs to be spent on each subject and is especially the case with coursework deadlines at A Level. During these times students will have to spend significantly more hours on these subjects, which may have a negative impact on the quality of the homework that they are doing in other subjects.
2. Please be understanding of this variation and be flexible with some deadlines at these critical times. All students have been told to communicate upcoming deadlines with their teachers so that agreements may be made in advance to reduce pressures on students, as well as ensuring that homework is done on time and of a high quality in all subjects.
3. It is very important that all students treat every piece of homework with the same care and attention that it has been set with. Students should be producing their best work for every single piece of homework and sometimes at Sixth Form Level this can be stressful. **On the vast majority of occasions students should not be given tasks that require handing in on the following day.**
4. If a student fails to meet a deadline, the subject teacher should deal with the issue on an individual basis but repeated missed deadlines will be raised with the tutor and the Head of Department.
5. Persistent problems with the submission or quality of homework need to be referred to the Director of Sixth Form.

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