



HOMWORK POLICY

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Introduction

Homework is timetabled as part of the main timetable by the Director of Teaching and Learning. Staff are asked to bear in mind that their subject is one of many in the curriculum and that the work set should fill the allotted time but no more than this.

The purpose of setting homework is to reinforce work covered in class or to practise and/or consolidate basic skills and knowledge (reading, spelling, multiplication tables, etc.). It should be used to encourage initiative and self-discipline through independent study. Homework makes a positive contribution to raising standards of achievement.

1. Year 3 is the first year in which formal homework is set. The time and range of subjects set gradually increases to Year 11. Initially 30 minutes in total is set and this increases to 2/3 hours each evening in Year 11.
2. It is the responsibility of the Year 3 class teacher to train the children to take a positive attitude to homework. She will be totally responsible for setting 20/30 minutes of homework each evening on a topic relevant to the day's work, generally it will be English or Mathematics.
3. Subjects which have no allotted homework slots should be able to complete their syllabus without setting any extra work or projects unless otherwise approved by the Head. Music and Computer Science may set very occasional homework when necessary.
4. Subjects which have no allotted homework slots in some year bands (up to and including Year 9), will be permitted to set occasional homework as detailed below:
 - a) Art, DT, Food Technology, Textiles – a piece of work started in class may be finished or a short piece of research carried out. This should be no more than 15 minutes.
 - b) Music and Drama – rehearsals (as approved by the Head) or learning words for performance as and when necessary in Years 3 – 9.
 - c) PE – matches, competitions and practices (as approved by the Head).
 - d) Other – only as approved by the Head, e.g. holiday projects or extended pieces of research.
5. If practical work, project work, rehearsals or practices are set, these are NOT to be set in addition to a normal homework. Please do NOT expect the girls to put in a greater time than allotted. Instrumental practice does not fall within the homework timetable and is undertaken as an extra.
6. When revision is set this should be calculated into the slotted. This should NOT be in addition to homework.

7. A copy of the homework timetables for 2025-2026 for both juniors and seniors can be found on the school SharePoint in the Heads of Department folder.
8. An appropriate amount of time should be allocated to setting homework – preferably NOT at the end of a lesson. A clear explanation of the task set should be given and any question relating to the task should be answered. The homework should be written by the pupil in their planner and posted on Teams by the teacher, under assignments, before 3:50pm on the day it was set.
9. Form tutors should check that homework is regularly set and completed. Should work be outstanding the Form Tutor will bring it to the attention of the Deputy Head (Academic). Parents will then be informed.
10. All homework should be marked/appropriate feedback given. Records of homework marks and any relevant comments should be kept by teaching staff.

NB: PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR SUBJECT IS JUST ONE OF MANY IN THE CURRICULUM SO DO NOT OVERLOAD THE PUPILS – They become tired and do not work as efficiently when tired. Homework does not have to be set for the sake of it.