

Homework Policy

The school firmly believes that the regular setting and completion of homework is vital for the academic development of all pupils as independent learners. The school's policy is therefore that homework will be set regularly for pupils regardless of age or ability.

The frequency and length of homework:

The school does not publish a pre-set homework timetable in the school planner. A homework timetable will be given to all students at the start of the academic year for them to add to their planner. A large proportion of homework tasks are now issued on Doodle. Students must ensure they have the correct access details so that they can access tasks as and when required.

The purpose and nature of homework:

The purpose of homework is not to fill pupils' time but to develop their knowledge, understanding and skills, especially their study skills and ability to learn independently. Homework will often be related to work or a topic that has been covered or introduced in class. In this case it will provide pupils with the opportunity to develop and reinforce what they have been taught. However, homework may take the form of research or the collection of resources as preparatory work for a forthcoming lesson. Some homework will consist of relatively small-contained tasks to be completed in an evening while others will consist of larger-scale project assignments or assessments which may take more time to complete.

As a vehicle for learning, homework has the capacity

- *To consolidate what has been learned in class*
- *To extend learning beyond what can be achieved in normal lesson time*
- *To prepare the learner for the next stage in their learning*
- *To assess what the learner can achieve independently and individually*

Marking of homework

All homework tasks will be marked or their completion monitored, as appropriate and marks will be recorded by the teachers.

Concerns about homework

Parental concerns about homework should be raised with the Head of House.