Homework Policy

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1 OVERVIEW

1.1 Our approach

Homework is an important component of academic progress and serves to develop the resilience, independence, and research skills of our pupils. Homework, however, does not always have to be work that creates tangible outcomes (such as essays or worksheets) and, where possible, teachers should seek to set homework that is exploratory or revision-based in nature, but not necessarily productive. Homework which acts as preparation for the next lesson is also encouraged.

Tasks that are not time-bonded, finishing off lesson work, and general instructions to 'revise' are to be avoided as they do not support pupil progress adequately.

1.2 Setting tasks

Homework will be outlined in class and should be recorded by the pupil in their diary. Homework will also be set as an 'Assignment' on *Microsoft Teams*; this can be seen by the pupil within *Microsoft Teams* and by parents in the 'Homework' section of *My School Portal*. The 'Assignment' may direct pupils to another platform or area, but *Microsoft Teams* is the central repository for all tasks.

For ease of identification, tasks should be prefixed with 'HOMEWORK' or 'HWK'.

1.3 Submission

The teacher will outline the submission requirements of each piece of homework. Much of the work set will be completed in exercise books, and so handing these in will be the primary form of submission; however, homework may also be submitted online. Where work is completed electronically, pupils should avoid emailing work to teachers and should instead either attach work to the 'Assignment' in *Microsoft Teams* or print work and hand in a paper copy.

1.4 Amount and frequency

Key Stage	Duration	Amount	Due no earlier than
3	30 – 40 mins	9 of 12 subjects weekly*	One week from date set
4	45 mins – 1 hour	Per subject per week	One week from date set
5	approx. 2 hours	Per subject per week	One week from date set

** See below schedule for when each of the non-core subjects will set work*

1.5 Marking and feedback

Homework will be marked in line with the school's *Marking, Feedback, and Assessment Policy*.

2 KS3 HOMEWORK (AMENDMENTS MADE, AUTUMN TERM 2021)

Mindful of the pressures on our pupils and in response to parent and pupil feedback, we have revised our KS3 *Homework Policy*. The new model seeks to support independent learning, without placing an unmanageable workload on pupils. We are mindful of the need to combat perfectionist culture, and do not wish for homework to be an area of stress and worry; as such, we are advising that homework should be roughly 30 to 40 minutes in length and that pupils should stop after this time, even if they have not completed the task. This will give us a clearer idea of pupil attainment and help us identify any intervention needs sooner. Homework will continue to be set as 'Assignments' on *Microsoft Teams*, as well as being recorded in the pupil's diary. All homework has a minimum deadline of one week.

Year 7
Homework will be set **weekly** in the following subjects: • Biology • Chemistry • English • Languages (on a half-termly carousel) • Maths • Physics Homework will be set **fortnightly** in the following subjects, so that each week pupils will receive: • **Either** Geography **or** History • **Either** Spanish **or** Computing • **Either** Music **or** Art, Design and Technology, Drama, or Food (on a half-termly carousel)

Year 8
Homework will be set **weekly** in the following subjects: • Biology • Chemistry • English • Maths • Physics Homework will be set **fortnightly** in the following subjects, so that each week pupils will receive: • **Either** Geography **or** History • **Either** Spanish **or** Computing • **Either** Music **or** Art, Design and Technology, Drama, or Food (on a half-termly carousel) • **Either** Literacy **or** French or German (their second Language option)