



Homework Policy

1. Homework is any activity which students are asked to do, or chose to do outside lesson time related to learning.
2. The purpose of homework is to:
 - a. Encourage students to develop the skills, confidence and motivation needed to study effectively on their own.
 - b. Extend school based learning by consolidating, reinforcing and developing skills and understanding begun in lessons.
 - c. Provide opportunities for developing coursework.
 - d. Promote links between the school and parents/carers by informing them of and involving them in their child's learning.
3. The quality of the homework set and its outcome on learning is more important than the quantity. As a guideline teachers should set between 15 minutes and one hour per week according to the student's age and learning needs.
4. A homework timetable is published to ensure an even spread of work throughout the week and so that parents can monitor their child's work. This is sent direct to parents and appears on the academy website.
5. Students are expected to:
 - a. Record the homework set in their planner
 - b. Complete the task set to the best of their ability and hand it in on time.
 - c. Tell their teacher if they have problems completing the task on time.
 - d. Attend lunchtime or after school homework clubs if they need support. A staffed homework club runs on 3 nights each week. Help and revision sessions are organised by departments to support independent study.
6. Students failing to complete homework will not be placed in detention. Instead they will be encouraged to attend lunchtime or after school homework sessions to catch up. However, if students fail to complete three consecutive homeworks, or three within a half-term then parents will be informed.
7. Homework completed to an appropriate standard will be marked thoroughly and returned in accordance with the academy's assessment policy. Teachers should put much emphasis on positive praise for good work. Particularly good work may be rewarded via the Vivo miles scheme as presented in the rewards policy.
8. Students with AEN should follow the homework programme as far as possible. The Head of Learning Support will advise Curriculum Areas on the appropriateness of tasks being set if problems arise.
9. Heads of Curriculum Area should monitor the setting and marking of homework within their areas and ensure that practise is in line with the whole school policy.

