



## HOMEWORK POLICY

As a school, we believe that the core purpose of homework is to help students make progress in their learning, whether that be in their knowledge, skills, understanding or in their own personal development. Teachers will set homework for a variety of reasons, that might include preparation for lessons to come, consolidation and practice of lessons, to stretch and challenge or to broaden personal development. As a school, we do not believe in setting homework for the sake of it. We recognise that many of our students have extensive extracurricular commitments outside school. We value family life.

### What can you expect to see?

- Homework will be relevant and a clear task set.
- Guidance on how long to spend on each homework and a clear deadline. In general, the deadline will not be for the next day so that students do not have too much homework on any one day.
- **Both of the above will be recorded in your child's planner.**
- A wide variety of homework tasks, including written exercises, revision, independent research, longer term projects or the practice of skills in practical activities.
- In key stage 4 and 5 (Years 9-13) some tasks will relate directly to exam style questions, others will aim to take your child beyond the syllabus. Some will be written; some may involve the use of a computer. Tasks may be creative or simply involve reading or thinking about a subject. Work may have to be completed individually or in groups.

### Things to be aware of

Not all homework will be marked formally by a teacher, but all will be assessed. Sometimes this assessment will be written, sometimes verbal, sometimes peer and self-assessed. Some feedback may require your son/daughter to revisit their work in order to learn from it and improve.

Teachers will set a homework task appropriate to the subject, the group and individuals within it.

### Frequency of homework



- Key stage 1

Daily reading; weekly numeracy, phonics and spelling tasks, and a discussion exercise.

- Key stage 2

Daily reading; weekly numeracy (including times tables) and spelling tasks.

Additional English or project tasks relevant to current learning; study from the knowledge organiser.

- Years 7 and 8

Homework will be set once a week for English, maths, Spanish and science.

Homework will be set at least once a fortnight for history, geography, global citizenship, music, art, French, German, Catalan and computer science.

- Years 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13

Homework will be set weekly in all subjects.

**What can I do to help?**

- Take an interest, but do not do your child's work for them.
- Find your son/daughter a space to work. Sometimes (for example when doing revision) you may have to help with ensuring a quiet environment, whilst on other occasions a family discussion could be more effective.
- If you have any concerns about your child spending too much or too little time on their homework, please do let us know via their tutor.