

HOMEWORK POLICY

- Homework timetables are devised for each class at the beginning of the year by the Deputy Head (Academic) and are issued to all pupils by form tutors at that time. Copies of homework timetables are available from the main office and should be collected by subject teachers for the classes which they teach so that there can be no misunderstandings as to when homework should be set.
- Homework must always be set on the prescribed evenings for the subject and must never be set outside those times.
- The nature of homework tasks will vary. Homework should naturally develop or supplement work done in class. It is not essential that every homework is a written homework. Research, reading, and learning are equally appropriate. It is however, expected that one homework over a 2 week cycle will involve written communication.
- Homework is a crucial part of the curriculum for it encourages independent study, allows for reflection on classroom experience, develops self-discipline and allows for more material to be covered than would be possible in the school day
- Homework tasks are, of their nature, tasks where a teacher presence is not required and, therefore, may well open up new sources of information and learning not readily accessible within the classroom. It is good that parents have an input into homework because it gives them an understanding of the learning, teaching and assessment process
- Homework diaries are issued to each year group up to the Upper 4th and these are to be signed by the parents each night to acknowledge the fact that the work has been completed.

Amount of homework to be set:

U3	½ hour per subject each night	1½ hours total
L4	½ hour per subject each night	1½ hours total
U4	½ hour per subject each night	2 hours total
L5	½ hour per subject each night	2 hours total
U5	¾ hour per subject each night	3 hours total

L6/U6 Subject teachers sharing a group will liaise over the setting of work. As a guide a Sixth Form student should expect to complete between 15 to 18 hours work outside the classroom. The majority of this will be teacher directed tasks, but students are also expected to develop individual skills of research and learning.

The amount of homework set is closely monitored by Form Teachers and Heads of Year to whom parents are invited to raise concerns. In the case of concerns about individual teachers, or teaching methodology, parents should be directed to contact the Deputy Head, Director of Studies.