

## Homework Policy

The school believes that pupils should be encouraged to do additional work at home for the following reasons:

1. It helps reinforce the work learned in school.
2. It underpins the idea that learning is not restricted to school.
3. It encourages a partnership between home and school.
4. It is a means of catching up after absence.
5. It allows for a greater depth of study than might be possible in class.

Homework may involve specific learning tasks set by the teacher such as research, the learning of facts, reading or the practice of a musical instrument. Written work is also given in many subjects. All pupils should take responsibility for regular revision of class work, for example vocabulary learning for languages and preparation for assessments.

As a school which strongly believes in the principles of 'Assessment is for Learning' (AiFL) regular feedback of homework tasks will be given to pupils. Personal Organisers are issued by the school at the beginning of each session to encourage pupils to plan their homework over the course of the week. To reinforce this, teachers should not issue homework for the next working day. Time will be given in class to allow pupils to note homework in organisers.

Parents can assist by helping their children to plan ahead, and not leave homework to the last minute. In addition they can encourage pupils to do homework at a set time each night and provide suitable surroundings such as a quiet room or by switching off the TV set. By way of supporting pupils with homework completion, the school regularly provides opportunities for supported study, such as the 'drop in' Work Wise club at lunch time and the after school Study Support Sessions.

Principal Teachers/Faculty Heads monitor the amount, value and frequency of homework in the departments for which have responsibility.

As a guide, pupils should expect the following homework times per week: S1 and S2 - 3-4 hours; S3 and S4 - 1.5 hours per subject per week; and S5 and S6 - 3 hours per subject per week.