

Homework Policy

Government guidelines state the purposes of homework is :

- encouraging pupils to develop the skills, confidence and motivation needed to study effectively on their own. This is vital given the importance for pupils in the future of lifelong learning and adaptability;
- consolidating and reinforcing skills and understanding developed at school;
- extending school learning, for example through additional reading;
- sustaining the involvement of parents and carers in the management of pupils learning and keeping them informed about the work pupils are doing;
- managing particular demands, such as GCSE course work.

As a college we have taken the decision to no longer issue a homework timetable in order to enable students to develop their independent learning and time management skills. To provide students with the ability to develop these skills homework cross all subjects will be set using our online learning environment (Efolio). The college will provide paper copies of all homework tasks and our ITC facilities are available daily from 8am to 5pm.

Homework will be focused on independent learning tasks which provide students with an opportunity to reinforce and extend classroom activities. Students will be given at least a week to complete each task (with the exception of those tasks which are required to enable learning to progress in the next lesson). Most tasks for the term will be available at the start of each new term. Teachers will on occasions set alternative tasks to those on Efolio to best support students learning. Long term projects will have check points during each term to ensure students are managing their time efficiently.

All students should spend time each week, in addition to homework, reviewing classnotes using Samlearning and other suitable websites.

Key Stage 3

Students in year 7, 8 and 9 should expect to spend 7 ½ hours on homework in a week (1 hour on English, Maths and Science and ½ an hour of all other subjects per week).

Key Stage 4

Students in year 10 and 11 should expect to spend 10 ½ hours on homework in a week (2 hours on English, Maths and Science, 1 hour for each option subjects and ½ an hour for RE/Citizenship per week).

Government guidelines for homework for secondary school children are:

Years 7 and 8	45 to 90 minutes per day
Year 9	1 to 2 hours per day
Years 10 and 11	1 ½ to 2 ½ hours per day