



## Homework Policy 2025-2026

### Rationale – Why is Homework important?

*"Homework is not an optional extra, but an essential part of a good education."*

- 1999 White Paper, Excellence in Schools

Homework is work that is set to be done outside the timetabled curriculum. It contains an element of independent study and is crucially important in raising student achievement by enabling students to develop essential study skills pivotal to academic success.

Aims – Homework enables pupils to:

- Consolidate and extend work covered in class or prepare for new learning activities.
- Access resources not available in the classroom.
- Develop research skills.
- Have an opportunity for independent work.
- Show progress and understanding.
- Enhance their study skills e.g. planning, time management and self-discipline.
- Take ownership and responsibility for learning.
- Engage parental co-operation and support.

### How will Homework be set?

All homework will be set on ClassCharts. This website allows parents and students to see what homework has been set for their child, accompanying instructions and advice, links to supporting documents (e.g. video clips), and when the homework is due in.

ClassCharts (Web site or App)

Students and Parents can access the website by using the link on the school web site, via the ClassCharts App, or via a search engine in a browser. The free ClassCharts app can be downloaded via I-Tunes and Google Play stores. The app allows users to access their homework on a variety of mobile devices and is the preferred method of access for SNA parents and students. SNA will provide all parents with login details for ClassCharts access.

Students who do not have internet access at home will be able to access the website through the school ICT systems and will be able to attend the study support and homework sessions. These homework sessions take place before and after school or students can use the school library computers to complete homework during break time or lunchtime.



### **Monitoring of Homework**

Student Rewards – Students will be rewarded for their homework in a variety of ways in line with the school rewards policy.

Student Sanctions – If students do not complete homework they may receive sanctions in line with the school behaviour policy.

Homework is not optional, as it is so crucial in helping all learners reach their potential.

Internal Monitoring of Homework – The quality of homework will be regularly checked by school leaders through a variety of quality assurance procedures.

### **The role of the Parent**

The role of the parent is crucial if a child is to experience success from homework. To reinforce its value through positive feedback will give students the confidence to persevere, work hard and reach high standards of achievement.

Parents can assist by:

1. Providing a table, chair and a quiet place to work.
2. Negotiating with the student when homework is to be done as a student's free play is important too.
3. Checking the time spent on individual tasks.
4. Checking presentation and content of all homework being returned to school.
5. Monitoring and tracking the homework setting and completion by Classcharts

### **Homework Principles:**

- SNA will aim to avoid setting homework between 7pm Friday and 7am Monday each week, to help students plan their weekend homework commitments and strike a better balance of homework setting alongside family time at the weekend
- SNA will aim to avoid setting homework for Year 7 or Year 8 during school holidays

### **Homework Guidance 2025/26**

- All homework should be set on class charts (even if another platform is used e.g. Sparx)
- Homework should not be added on classcharts between 7pm Friday and 7am Monday.
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- Homework should not be set for year 7 and 8 during school holidays (unless in preparation for an upcoming assessment)
- Homework must be challenging yet assessable to all students though appropriate tasks and differentiation.
- All homework should have a minimum of 3 days to complete.

### Expectations on homework setting

- Year 7

Subjects	Homework per week
English, Maths, Science	Minimum 1
Languages, Geography, History	1
PSHE, Art, RE, DT, Drama, PE, Computing, Music	As appropriate

- Year 8 and 9

Subjects	Homework per week
English, Maths, Science	Minimum 2
Languages	1-2
Geography, History, Art, RE, DT, Drama, PE, PRE, Computing, Music	1

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- Year 10

All subjects	30-60 minutes per week
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- Year 11

Up until Christmas	1 hour per week until Christmas
Post Christmas	1.5 hour per week until Easter

- KS5
- Students will be expected to complete between 4-5 hours of homework per subject per week. This may be a combination of set tasks, revision activities, independent research or wider reading. Students can complete this work either during their designated study periods or at home.
- All homework should have a minimum of 3 days to complete



### Homework Club

#### Located in the Library

Time: Monday-Thursday, 3pm-4pm (Pupils are to pack away and help tidy up 5 Minutes before the end of the session in order to leave promptly).

Homework club is open after school for all pupils to access in order to partake in quiet study or access equipment for school/homework purposes only. Members of staff are on duty to supervise and are available to offer support to pupils with homework.

Pupils must sign in upon arrival to homework club and write down what work they have brought to complete. This will be checked by a member of staff. If a pupil arrives without any class/homework to complete they will be asked to help with tasks in the Library/Learning Centre. If there are no tasks they will be sent home. This prevents disruptions to other pupils who have come to work and preserves the ethos of the Homework Club.

After 3:40pm, pupils may access the selection of board games/books we have, providing they have completed all homework. There are to be NO games played on the computers, with the exception of the educational ones that are accessed in class.

Should the library be full, a homework club, students will be able to access a computer room to complete their homework instead. Both facilities are supported by a SNA member of staff.

Homework club is a very positive and friendly environment, and we are delighted to be offering this to our pupils.