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Bishop Challoner School



Homework Policy



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This policy is also applicable EYFS pupils

Taken from the HMI report on homework:

“Properly designed homework can play a valuable part in a pupil’s education. Its function must be to generate a variety of worthwhile learning experiences additional to those provided in the classroom. If approached in this way, homework is likely to be regarded by pupils as having purpose, relevance and interest”

All pupils should have homework on a regular basis in line with Departmental Policy and the Homework Timetable.

Aims:

- To encourage self-motivation, good organisation and independent learning
- To develop perseverance and self-discipline
- To give extra practice of skills learned in the classroom
- To allow more ground to be covered
- To give more time for teacher assisted learning in the classroom
- To open up areas of study not necessarily available in the classroom
- To involve parents and other adults
- To support and extend work done in class
- To show and confirm understanding of new skills or information
- To challenge pupils to solve problems and develop higher level thinking skills

Responsibilities for Teachers

- To set homework which is a relevant progression from work covered in lessons following the schedule written at the start of each academic year.
- To have a clear idea of the outcomes required and ensure pupils understand these to ensure homework is submitted on time
- To mark, monitor or assess the work as appropriate (see marking and feedback policy)
- To use homework time as an opportunity to use resources not always available in lessons
- To foster links between school and parents, through use of the Show My Homework
- In Years 3-6, teachers need to ensure that homework is posted on Class Dojo
- Check that everyone does the set homework and apply appropriate sanctions to those who fail to do so (if homework is usually given in on time, give a verbal reprimand and ask for homework to be handed in next day). If homework does not appear then, give a detention and log on Sims and Show My Homework. However, for frequent offenders it would be more appropriate to be give a detention immediately and to inform the Head of Section.

Parents

- To ensure appropriate working conditions
- To show interest and support, such as testing learning and helping with organisation
- To check Show My Homework app and to communicate with school through them if necessary
- In Years 3 -6, to check Class Dojo for the homework that is set
- To encourage pupils to use a wide range of resources outside school

Pupils

- To complete homework to the best of their ability
- To check Show My Homework daily to ensure that homework is completed and nothing is missed
- To recognise the value of homework as a support to work completed in school
- To take the opportunity to develop self-disciplined methods of work
- To take the opportunity to use resources such as libraries, personal contacts and facilities in the wider community for example the internet, or relevant software
- To respond to teacher's comments in their books where necessary

Progression

We recognise that the type of homework set must show progression and development as pupils move through school. We also recognise that the amount of homework set will vary according to the pupil's age.

In EYFS classes, the class teacher sets differentiated homework tasks, where appropriate, outlining clear instructions and success criteria. Time is taken during the school day to explain individual homework tasks and to talk to the pupils about what is expected.

Homework in the Preparatory and Pre-Preparatory School will be sent home on Friday and returned to school on the following Wednesday. In addition, pupils are expected to read at home every day.

Pupils in Year 6 will also have homework set on additional days as they prepare for Senior School.

- Homework in KS1 may include
 - practising phonics work
 - reading to an adult
 - learning spellings and times tables
 - practising or extending skills or applying knowledge learnt in class
 - working on a small project or carrying out independent research
- Homework in KS2 may include
 - Independent reading or reading to an adult
 - Learning spellings or times tables
 - practising or extending skills or applying knowledge learnt in class
 - Independent research
 - Projects as appropriate

Nursery – weekend tasks where applicable. Listening to stories and practising numbers to five and letter sounds (according to groupings).

Reception weekend tasks and daily reading

Year 1 10 mins per night

Year 2 10-15 mins per night

Year 3 15 mins per night

Year 4 20 mins

Year 5 40 mins max

Year 6 40 mins

Pupils will always have reading and spelling for KS1 and 2

In Years 7-9 there will be a greater number of exercises to be completed in one session as well as straightforward learning or reading homework. Gradually some homework will take more than one session, enabling pupils to discipline themselves to complete demanding tasks taking longer planning and completion.

In years 10-11, pupils will be given GCSE assignments which may last for perhaps 2-3 weeks, as well as ordinary homework.

In the Sixth Form, personal study is integral to courses which require 4-5 hours study in addition to lesson time.

After school facility

Homework Club is open to pupils from Year 5 upwards. All pupils are supervised for private study and homework until 5.00pm every evening. Homework club is held in the Senior Library.

Homework timetables

These are currently drawn up by the Deputy Head and issued to tutors to relay to pupils.

KEY STAGE 3 AND 4 HOMEWORK ALLOCATIONS

All Year 7 and 8 homework should be 20-30 minutes for each subject.

Year 9 homework should be between 30-40 minutes for each subject.

For Year 10 and Year 11 it is recommended that the time allocated to homework should be guided by the table below.

Subject	Total Allocation per week (maximum) Year 10 and 11
Option A	2x 30-40 mins
Option B	2x 30-40 mins
Option C	2x 30-40 mins
English	2x 45mins (90 mins)
Maths	2x45mins (90 mins)
Science	3x40mins (40 mins per science)
RS	1x 30-40 mins

Homework Timetable 2023-2024

Key Stage 3

Week A	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7A	French, RE, English, Spanish	French, Art	Computing, PA, Science	Maths, History, Music	Maths, English, Latin, Science
7 Alpha	History, Geography, RE	Maths, Art, Spanish, Science	Computing, English, Science	Maths, History, Music	Latin, Music, PA
8A	Science, Spanish, History	Art, Latin, French	Maths, Computing, English	French, Geography, RE, Science	Music, PA, Maths
8 Alpha	Music, Science, French	Geography, PA, History, Art	Spanish, Latin, Maths	English, RE	Science, Computing, English, Maths
9A	Computing, Biology, 9Y lang, History	English, 9X Lang,	Geography Maths, Physics	Chemistry, Maths, 9Y Arts, 9X Lang	Maths, RE
9 Alpha	9Y Lang, Physics, RE	Chemistry, 9X Arts	Biology, History, Maths, Geography	English, 9X lang, 9Y Arts, Maths	Maths

Week B	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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7A	French, RE, English, Spanish	French, Art	Computing, PA, Science	Maths, History, Music	Maths, English, Latin, Science
7 Alpha	English, History, RE	Maths, Science, French	English, Geography, PA, Spanish	Science, Computing	Latin, RE, Maths, Art
8A	Science, French, Geography	Art, RE, Maths, Latin	Music, Computing, English, Spanish	Art, Science	Music, History
8 Alpha	Spanish, Geography, Science	PA, History, French, Maths	Maths, Latin, English	RE, Science	Art, Science, Computing, Music
9A	Computing, 9X Lang, Biology	9Y Lang, RE, 9Y Arts	Geography, Chemistry, Maths	9X Lang, History, 9X Arts, Physics	Maths, English
9 Alpha	Physics, 9X Lang, RE	9Y Lang, 9Y Arts, English, Chemistry	Biology, History, Maths	9X Lang, Geography, 9X Arts	Maths, Computing

In the Sixth Form, homework allocation will be dependent on pupil's individual chosen options. However, as a guide they should be completing approximately an hour of homework or background reading per subject, per night.

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