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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 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 School Planner
- In Years 3-6 teachers need to ensure that the pupils write homework set in their School Planner giving the date it is due
- 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, record in pupil planner using orange stickers & log on Bromcom. 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 pupil planner and to communicate with school through them if necessary
- to encourage pupils to use a wide range of resources outside school

Pupils

- to complete homework to the best of their ability
- to record all homework accurately in their Pupil Planner
- 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

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 Junior 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

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. Junior pupils are based in a Junior classroom and Senior pupils have access to the ICT suite in the Junior School. All pupils are supervised for private study and homework until 5.00pm every evening.

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 2021-2022

Week A

Monday

Year 7	English/Geography/Latin
Year 8	Maths/Design Technology/Art/
Year 9	Languages /English/Music/ Drama
Year 10	History/ Science/ Languages/ Computer Science/ Art
Year 11	Science/Geography/English

Tuesday

Year 7	Maths/Music/Design Technology/Drama
Year 8	Geography/ English/RE
Year 9	Design Technology / Science/ Computer Science
Year 10	Maths/RE/English/ Geography/Drama
Year 11	Latin/Languages/Art/ Science

Wednesday

Year 7	Science/Languages/RE
Year 8	English//History/Science
Year 9	History/Maths/ Geography
Year 10	Science/English/Design Technology
Year 11	PE/English/Maths/RE

Thursday

Year 7	Maths/Computer Science/Art
Year 8	Maths/ Languages/Computer Science/ Drama
Year 9	English/Art/RE
Year 10	Science/Music/ Latin/ Maths/
Year 11	Design Technology/Science/ Computer Science/Maths

Friday

Year 7	English//Science/History
Year 8	Latin/Science/Music
Year 9	Latin/Maths/Science
Year 10	Maths/ English/PE
Year 11	English/Maths/Music/Drama/History

Week B

Monday

Year 7	Geography/RE/Drama
Year 8	Design Technology/Geography/English
Year 9	Geography/RE/Art
Year 10	History/ English/ Design Technology/ Art
Year 11	Maths/ History/ Geography/Drama

Tuesday

Year 7	Maths/Computer Science/Latin/Languages
Year 8	Maths/Latin/RE
Year 9	Maths/ Design Technology/Computer Science
Year 10	Maths/Geography/Computer Science/ Drama
Year 11	English/ Science/Art/Music

Wednesday

Year 7	Design Technology/ English/Science
Year 8	Science/Art/Drama/English
Year 9	English/Science/Music/ Languages
Year 10	English/Science/Languages
Year 11	PE/Languages/ Computer Science

Thursday

Year 7	Maths / History/ Art
Year 8	Maths /Science/ Languages
Year 9	Science/History / Latin

Year 10	Latin/Science/RE
Year 11	Science/Design Technology/RE

Friday

Year 7	Science/ English/Music
Year 8	History/Computer Science/Music
Year 9	Maths/ English/Drama
Year 10	Maths/ Music/ PE
Year 11	Maths/English/Latin

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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