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Academy

Homework Policy

Homework/Home study

Home study is any work or activity which students are asked to complete outside of learning time either on their own or with parents/carers. It is important that students have frequent and increasing opportunities to develop and consolidate their competencies as independent learners. Home study should not prevent students from participating in enrichment programmes at the end of the Academy day such as sport or clubs.

Purpose of home study

- Encourage students to develop the confidence and self-discipline to work independently, an essential skill for adult life
- Consolidate and reinforce skills and understanding
- Practice skills – learning-by-doing, thus affording students the opportunity to make greater progress.
- Develop self-discipline and time management skills
- Research an area of interest
- Provide opportunities to develop the partnership of student/parent/teacher

Amount of home study

The Academy has a fixed home study timetable with different subjects on different evenings. Students will need to learn to manage their time so that they complete home study each evening.

It is an expectation that the time devoted to home study increases as the student progresses through the Academy.

Students in Years 7-9 have two home study per week for English, Mathematics, and one for Science, Humanities, Modern Foreign Languages [French/Spanish] which should take between 30 and 45 minutes to complete.

In practical subjects such as Technology and Expressive Arts and P.E. home study will be set in line with the Homework calendar, once a term.

Students in Year 10-11 should have between an hour and an hour and a half per subject, per week. Additionally, they are encouraged to read as widely as possible around their chosen subjects to further broaden their knowledge.

Home study will be differentiated where necessary to meet individual needs.

Organisation of home study

All students have an Academy planner which they should carry with them at all times to record their home study. Learning Tutors and parents are asked to check and sign these on a weekly basis.

Non-completion of Homework

When homework is not completed, a detention will be issued by the subject teacher, for the end of the next Academy day. Parents will receive a telephone call, text message or e-mail from the Academy informing them the day of the detention ~~to~~ date, this complies with safeguarding and to ensure that the parent/carer knows that their child will be arriving home later than normal and where necessary, arrangements can be made for their child to travel home safely. The student's Learning Tutor e is informed of all detentions given by a subject teacher.

Academy responsibilities

The subject teacher is:-

- Responsible for setting appropriate home study and marking it ✓
- Checking that students are recording home study details in their planner correctly and neatly

Curriculum Leaders are responsible for ensuring that all teachers in their curriculum area are setting appropriate home study in accordance with the timetable and marking it.

This is checked every other week as part of the Pastoral Quality Assurance.

Parent/Carer role in home study

The Academy asks that parents:-

- Support their child checking at least weekly that all tasks are completed to a high standard
- Make every attempt to provide a reasonable place where their child can work or encourage them to make use of the Academy's outstanding facilities including Homework Club
- Ensure their child to meets home study deadlines
- Contact their child's Learning Tutor if they feel their child needs more support with home study so that the situation can be investigated and resolved
- Value the importance of home study and support the Academy in explaining how it can help them to progress
- Praise their child when home study is completed and deadlines are met.

Student's responsibilities

The Academy expects all students to:-

- Carry their planner with them at all times
- Record the home study set even if they have written details in their exercise book/folder
- Accept that deadlines must be kept
- Find out and complete any work missed through absence. Absence is not an excuse for not completing work
- Speak to their subject teacher if they have a problem with the home study set, before the deadline to ensure that the work can be completed
- Take pride in doing their best

Monitoring, Evaluation and Review

The Governing Body will review this policy at least every two years and assess its implementation and effectiveness. The policy will be promoted and implemented throughout the Academy.