



DROYLSDEN
Academy

Homework Policy

Homework

Homework 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 extended opportunities to develop and consolidate their competencies as independent learners. Homework should not prevent students from participating in enrichment programmes at the end of the Academy day such as sport or clubs.

Purpose of Homework

- Encourage students to develop the confidence and self-discipline to work independently, an essential skill for adult life
- Consolidate and reinforce skills and understanding
- Practise skills – learning-by-doing, thus affording students the opportunity to make greater progress.
- Develop self-discipline and time management skills
- Extend their learning from class
- Prepare students for upcoming lessons
- Provide opportunities to develop the partnership of student/parent/teacher

Amount of Homework

The Academy has a fixed homework timetable with different subjects on different evenings – this is presented in their Journals which provide space for them to write in the homework tasks set for the appropriate subjects each day. Students will need to learn to manage their time so that they complete homework each evening.

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

Students in Years 7-9 will receive 1 piece of English homework per week, 1 piece of Maths homework per week, 1 hour of Science homework per week and homework from other subjects in line with their timetable.

In Years 10 and 11, students still receive 2 hours per week in both English and Maths plus 2 hours per week in Science and 1-2 hours per week from each of their Option subjects. Homework will be adapted where necessary to meet individual needs.

Organisation of Homework

All students have an Academy Journal which they should carry with them at all times to record their homework tasks. Learning Tutors and parents are asked to check and sign these on a weekly basis. Homework is also set on Google Classroom along with the resources needed for students to complete tasks set.

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 text message from the Academy informing them the day of the detention; this complies with safeguarding regulations and ensures that the parent/carer knows that their child will be arriving home later than normal so that, where necessary, arrangements can be made for their child to travel

home safely – this is the responsibility of the parent/carer to organise. The student’s Learning Tutor is informed of all detentions given by a subject teacher.

Academy responsibilities

The subject teacher is: -

- Responsible for setting appropriate homework and marking it
- Checking that students are recording homework details in their Journal correctly and neatly

Curriculum Leaders are responsible for ensuring that all teachers in their curriculum area are setting appropriate homework 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 homework

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 facilities including Homework Club
- Ensure their child meets homework deadlines
- Contact their child’s Learning Tutor if they feel their child needs more support with homework so that the situation can be investigated and resolved
- Value the importance of homework and support the Academy in explaining how it can help them to progress
- Praise their child when homework is completed and deadlines are met.

Students’ responsibilities

The Academy expects all students to:-

- Carry their Journal with them at all times
- Record the homework 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 homework 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.