

Homework

With the new academic year now well under way, we wanted to remind parents about how homework is set for each key stage. Homework refers to any tasks given to students by their teachers to be completed outside of usual lesson time.

Homework has many purposes, these include:

- ✓ Increasing the rate of student progress. *'The impact of homework on learning is consistently positive, leading to an average five months' additional progress'* (EEF Sept 2018).
- ✓ Improving student attainment
- ✓ Developing independent learning skills and responsibility
- ✓ Providing practice for students in planning and organising time
- ✓ Preparing students for new learning which has not yet been taught
- ✓ Instilling the importance of life-long learning
- ✓ Deepening student subject knowledge
- ✓ Promoting reflection on learning within lessons.

Arrangements for setting of homework

- ✓ All homework is set using ClassCharts which students and parents/carers can all access using the ClassCharts app and website.
- ✓ Classcharts will clearly state when the homework was set, when the homework is due, and the location of any information needed to complete the homework.
- ✓ Problems accessing Classcharts should be directed to the school IT Department

Key Stage 3

- ✓ Homework is set once every 3 lessons for each subject
- ✓ Each homework will last no longer than 20 minutes each – a student can choose to spend longer than 20 minutes on the task.

Key Stage 4

- ✓ Students should expect homework tasks lasting 30 minutes to 1 hour for each subject
- ✓ English and Mathematics homework is set weekly, and Science homework is set at least once per fortnight
- ✓ Option subjects set homework at least every two weeks.

Key Stage 5

- ✓ Students should expect a variety of homework and independent learning tasks across all their subjects in the Sixth Form.
- ✓ There will be approximately one homework task, per subject teacher, each fortnight (in addition to their directed study tasks).

For any questions relating to a homework then please email the respective Head of Department who will be able to help.