

## **HOMEWORK POLICY (Secondary School)**

Homework will be set daily, normally on days when the subject is taught, except in the case of project work, when teachers will set longer deadlines and monitor progress. In Year 1 and 2 there will be one to one and a half hours of homework each school day evening, in Year 3 at least, one and a half hours of homework, and in Year 4 and 5 two and a half hours to three hours each evening. Teachers are encouraged to set homework in English, Mathematics and Science more frequently to optimise students' learning opportunities in the core curriculum subjects. **Parents are expected to check homework diaries and sign** that the required amount of time has been spent on homework assigned. When homework is not satisfactorily completed parents may be contacted by form tutors and additional work set, with the possibility of a detention.

### **Objectives of Homework**

The following principles should govern the setting of homework:

- Revision and consolidation of subject content
- Reinforcing learning
- Extending what has been learnt in class
- Independent research
- Differentiating between types of information and responding appropriate

Homework should require students to use a variety of skills. They might be asked to:

- Process information; select key information/ summarise, classify and categorise information,
- Draw inferences from text, hypothesise, analyse, research information and /or offer definitions or solutions etc.

### **Homework might culminate in:**

- Writing: creative/ biographical/ descriptive/ critical/ discursive
- Presentations in diagrammatic form, visual /pictorial form
- Oral work: project presentation to class and /or other year groups; preparing a short argument /speech /role play /topic revision / story telling /review
- All students are expected to complete their homework in a timely manner.

Homework should be presented in an orderly format as prescribed by the subject teacher. Homework below standard will not be accepted. If homework is not complete on the date due, the student will be asked to stay in during lunchtime break to complete homework. If for any reason the student does not attend homework detention, he/she will receive an extra detention and has to attend the next day's detention. If a student has three homework detentions during the same week, the student will have to stay for one after school detention and parents will be contacted. If homework completion is a recurrent problem, parents will be contacted to arrange a meeting.