



HOMEWORK POLICY

1. What is the purpose of homework?

Effective homework should consolidate learning, deepen understanding and prepare students for the content and skills needed for forthcoming lessons. A range of activities may be used from a research project, to a spelling test, to a written paragraph and all homework tasks should have clear objectives and purpose.

2. How often will it be set?

The quantity of homework may vary throughout the academic year in response to the needs of the curriculum. Generally speaking we aim to ensure:

- Year 7, 8 and 9 students receive at least one homework task per subject per fortnight, equating to approximately 30 minutes to 45 minutes, depending on the subject area
- Year 10 and 11 students receive at least one homework task per subject per fortnight lasting approximately 45 minutes to 1 hour
- Year 12 and 13 students are expected to devote approximately five hours per week outside lessons to each subject, in addition to reading as widely as possible around their chosen subjects to broaden their knowledge

3. Students' responsibilities

We expect our students to use www.showmyhomework.co.uk to access their online homework calendar. Here the students will easily see which tasks are due in for which dates and be able to access descriptions and additional resources from the class teacher to help them. If students do not have access to the internet, they will be provided with a planner by the school in order to note down homework and will be able to access computer facilities during social times or before/after school. If a student fails to hand the homework in by the deadline set by the teacher, a sanction will be used in line with the school's behaviour policy.

4. Teachers' and leaders' responsibilities

All teaching staff are logged on to www.showmyhomework.co.uk and will set homework tasks on this website. Homework tasks will be collected and marked in line with the school's marking policy. School leaders will be using www.showmyhomework.co.uk to quality assure the amount of homework set and completed across the school to ensure we have the highest of standards.

5. Parental support

All parents have been given a log-in for "Show my homework" via a letter sent home explaining how to log on. This log-in allows all parents to see what homework tasks have been set for their child, in addition to if they have completed it on time. All homework tasks can also be viewed on:

<https://kimberley.showmyhomework.co.uk/school/homeworks/calendar?all=true>