

# FULLBROOK

## HOMEWORK POLICY

### **Principles underpinning the Fullbrook Homework Policy**

- Homework must improve the quality of learning and raise achievement.
- Homework should encourage independent learning skills.
- The system for setting, assessing and monitoring homework must be efficient and easily understood by students, teachers and parents.
- Homework must embrace new technology, in particular the internet and specifically our VLE.
- All students must have access to the necessary resources. If they do not have access to the VLE at home then they will have access during school time via the LRC and they can take paper details home with them.
- The setting of homework must be manageable for teachers and not detract from the time required for preparation and assessment.
- Homework is marked in a variety of ways, including peer and teacher assessment. It is usually returned within 2 weeks of being handed in.

### **Marking and Feedback**

Teachers make it clear that students have the responsibility of spending the required amount of time on their homework. Parents are encouraged to monitor the quality and completion of homework.

Homework is marked using a variety of methods including teacher, peer and self-assessment. Feedback is given for all homework tasks and recorded in a number of different ways: in students' exercise books, in Record Books or on practical work. In most cases both a positive comment and a target is given and, where appropriate, a level or grade.

Exercise books are not always taken home, so parents may not always be aware of the feedback given by teachers. There is an increased expectation at secondary school level for students to take responsibility to inform their parents of this feedback. In addition, we are pleased to send exercise books home if a specific request is made.

## **Homework Policy for Year 7 and Year 8**

Year 7 and 8 students have cyclical homework in all subjects. Homework is set as follows:

### Maths

Homework is set for maths totalling 30 minutes per week. Students should expect to complete exercises that help them practise skills learnt in the lesson. Peer assessment will often be used to mark work and teachers will check work for completeness and to assess where students require further explanation. Some homework is needed to support learning the next day so the 30 minutes work should be completed in this short time frame.

### Modern Foreign Languages

In MFL homework is 50 minutes per 10 day cycle. This may be broken down into 10 minute and 15 minute separate homework tasks. Students will be expected to practise reading and writing skills and learn vocabulary taught in lessons, which will be tested in the next lesson.

### Drama, Music, Art, PE, Learning Support

Homework will be set as appropriate.

### Technology

Students are asked to complete a range of tasks to support their work in Technology. This can include research, collecting resources for projects, evaluation of work and completion of projects. Homework will be set on an ongoing basis over the length of each project. Usually tasks are 30 minutes per cycle.

### English

Homework will be set for up to 60 minutes per cycle. Tasks could involve reading, writing, research or preparation for a speaking and listening presentation.

### History

Homework will be set every 2 cycles and the task should last up to 30 minutes.

### RE

Homework will be set on an occasional basis.

### Geography

Homework will be set every 2 cycles and the task should last up to 30 minutes.

### Computing

Homework will be set every cycle for 30 minutes.

### Science

Homework will be set every week (across all Science teachers) and the task should last up to 30 minutes.

## **Homework Policy for Year 9**

Year 9 students will have cyclical homework in all subjects. Homework is set as follows:

### Science

Homework will be set every week and the task should last up to 30 minutes.

### Maths

Homework will be set every week and the task should last up to 45 minutes.

### English

Homework will be set every cycle and the task should last up to 60 minutes.

### Geography and History

Homework will be set every other cycle and the task should last up to 30 minutes.

### Modern Foreign Languages

Homework will be set every cycle and the task should last up to 1 hour 15 minutes in total, including learning vocabulary. This may be broken down into several tasks.

### Music, Drama, Art

Drama: Homework will be set for 30 minutes per week which may be broken down into smaller tasks or could be one assignment.

Art: Tasks to complete at home will be set on an ad hoc basis.

Music: GCSE are expected to maintain a regular practice schedule. Ideally, musicians should aim for at least 20 minutes practice per day, 5 days a week.

### P.E. and R.E

Homework will be set as required.

Option PE – homework will be set every cycle and should take up to 30 minutes to complete.

### Computing

Homework will be set every cycle and should last for 30 minutes.

### Technology

Homework should last for 60 minutes per cycle in total. This may consist of one large assignment or several smaller tasks.

### Business Studies

1 hour of homework will be set every other cycle.

## **Homework Policy for Years 10 and 11**

### English

Homework will be set every week and the task should last up to 60 minutes.

### Science

Homework will be set every cycle totalling 60 minutes per subject/teacher.

### Maths

Homework will be set every week and the task should take up to 60 minutes.

### Modern Foreign Languages

Homework will be set every cycle and should last up to 1 hour 30 minutes in total. This may be broken down into smaller tasks set by the teacher as required over the course of the cycle.

### Geography, History and Sociology

Homework will be set twice per cycle and each task should last up to 30 minutes.

### RE

Homework is set once per cycle and should take 60 minutes in total to complete.

### Technology

Homework will be set every week and the task should last up to 60 minutes.

### Business Studies

Homework will be set every cycle and the task should last up to 60 minutes.

## Media

Homework will be set every cycle and the task should last up to 60 minutes.

## Music

As the GCSE music course is 60% coursework and needs to be completed under supervision, homework will be set once per cycle - students are expected to spend approximately 60 minutes per week on their composition coursework. Musicians should have a regular practice schedule of 20 minutes per day, 5 days a week.

## Art

At GCSE, students are expected to spend up to 3 hours per cycle working on their Art for homework.

## Drama

Drama students complete one homework assignment pre cycle which takes 1 hour to complete.

## PE

Homework will be set every cycle and will last approximately 1 hour to complete.

## ICT and Vocational Subjects

Vocational subjects and ICT coursework need to be completed under supervision and thus staff will use time after school with students on site. However, ICT can also set theory homework to be completed independently which will take up to 1 hour per cycle to complete.

## **Homework Policy for KS5**

It is expected that students in Fullbrook 6 will **spend the same number of hours on private study per subject as lessons per cycle (8/9). At least half of this time will be spent completing tasks as directed by the teacher** whilst the rest of the time should be devoted to self-governed review of work completed during lessons as well as additional research and enquiry.

## **Further points to consider that promote independent learning**

Departments can provide students with websites, lists of TV/radio programmes, reading lists and specific articles that provide further insight into the topics being learnt. These are provided through the faculty areas on the VLE.

Revision and exam preparation can be supported in a range of ways. These include: providing past papers with mark schemes, making revision guides available for loan

or purchase, structuring revision by providing topic based revision schedules, providing outline revision timetables, explaining how to revise in a range of learning styles and multiple intelligences.

ICT is a powerful motivator to increase independent learning. It may include the use of internet, VLE, podcasts (downloads created by students and staff), DVDs/videos, CDs, digital cameras to present/analyse/evaluate, discussion forums, on line activities, use of voting devices and group work with interactive whiteboards.

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### Year 7 and Year 8

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Time to Complete Task</b>
Maths	Every week	30 minutes
Modern Foreign Languages	Every cycle	50 minutes
Technology	Every cycle	30 minutes
Science	Every week	30 minutes
English	Every cycle	60 minutes
History	Every 2 cycles	30 minutes
Geography	Every 2 cycles	30 minutes
Computing	Every cycle	30 minutes
Drama, Music, Art, PE	Set as required	
R.E.	Set as required	

### Year 9

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Time to Complete Task</b>
Maths	Every week	45 minutes
Modern Foreign Languages	Every cycle	1 hour 15
Technology	Every cycle	60 minutes
Science	Every week	30 minutes
English	Every cycle	60 minutes
Geography and History	Every cycle	2 x 30 minutes
Computing	Every other cycle	30 minutes
Drama	Every week	30 minutes
Music	Ongoing – composition. Individual instrument	60 minutes 20 minutes practice, 5 days
Art	Every cycle	3 hours
P.E.	Every cycle	30 minutes
ICT	Every cycle	30 minutes
Business Studies	Every other cycle	60 minutes

### Year 10 and Year 11

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Time to Complete Task</b>
Maths	Every week	60 minutes
Modern Foreign Languages	Every cycle	90 minutes
Technology	Every week	60 minutes
English	Every week	60 minutes
Geography, History and Sociology	Twice a cycle	30 minutes
Music	Ongoing – composition. Individual Instrument	60 minutes 20 minutes practice, 5 days
Art	Every cycle	3 hours
Drama	Every cycle	60 minutes
Media	Every cycle	60 minutes
Science	Every cycle	60 minutes per teacher

Business Studies	Every cycle	60 minutes
PE.	Every cycle	60 minutes
RE	Every cycle	30 minutes
ICT and Vocational Subjects	Every cycle	60 minutes