



Homework Policy

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The need for Homework:

“Effective teaching is not enough. Success for young people also relies (along with good teaching) on the homework and self-directed learning that they do out of school hours, and classroom teaching flourishes when good teaching and self-directed learning meet. We know that those who are going to do well in life are marked out by their self-esteem, their motivation and their ability to take responsibility for their own learning.”

Prof. John MacBeath

Homework is work or activities students are asked to complete outside of lesson time.

It is the policy of the school that all students undertake a regular programme of homework tasks. We view this as an integral part of the curriculum. All students are provided with a student planner in which they record the homework which have been set and the date on which it is due to be handed in.

Longfield School is keen to encourage students to develop self-study or independent learning skills. Students learn in a variety of different ways and locations. Ideally the homework should be completed at home; however, all students are given the opportunity to benefit from study sessions during lunchtimes and after the end of the normal school day within the school building. In order to support students' learning the ICT facilities are available during breaks and lunchtimes throughout the week. A homework club where staff are available to support pupils, runs after school. Staff are also available to support pupils with their homework on a lunchtime.

Why we set homework tasks:

- To develop independent learning skills
- To develop study skills
- To enhance in class learning
- To synthesise/consolidate what has been learnt
- To develop higher order thinking skills
- To provide opportunity for enhancement/extension
- To develop a love of learning leading into lifelong learning habits
- To enable students to meet the demands of GCSE requirements

Homework tasks should be:

- Purposeful, engaging and challenging
- Differentiated according to the needs of the student (Gifted and Talented/Special Educational Needs/English as an Additional Language)
- Completed to the best ability of the student
- Marked, recorded and assessed regularly

The nature of homework tasks:

Each task may involve the following:

- Reading/writing/spelling
- Watching a TV programme
- Carrying out a project. This may involve research, collection of information for an individual or group project
- Observing/recording
- Completing an exercise to practice, enforce or apply aspects of the class work, e.g. writing up practical work

How does the school help students to organise their homework tasks?

Each pupil is given a school planner at the beginning of the year. It is used to record each homework task that is set for each subject. It is the policy of Longfield Academy that all students will be given homework.

In Key Stage 3 the tasks will be set out on Class Charts and in the student planner.

In Key Stage 4 tasks will be distributed by individual subject areas.

- Each homework task will have a recommended timescale for completion along with instructions on how to complete the task(s). The due date for handing in the work will be highlighted on each homework task given.
- We aim to mark or respond to homework's regularly, and in a way that is helpful to all students

Failure to hand in homework tasks:

We expect all homework tasks to be completed to the best of each student's ability and to be handed in on time. This gives students valuable experience of working to deadlines and facilitates staff with their marking schedules. If homework deadlines are missed or the quality of the task is not of a sufficient standard, appropriate action will be taken.

If pupils fail to hand in a piece of homework by the date specified as the initial hand in date, they will be issued with a second date for hand in and may be asked to complete a C1 teacher issued detention which, if issued, will take place at break-time on the day of issue or the day after. If the second hand in date is also missed, the pupil will be issued with a C2 department detention which will take place on the specific day allocated to the subject in question. As with all behaviour events, the Year Leader monitors the behaviour daily and may upgrade any issued detention to a 30 minute after school Year Leader detention. Parents will always be notified by 10am on the day of the detention if this is the case.

Roles and Responsibilities

Students

- To complete homework to an appropriate standard and ensure that deadlines are met
- To seek advice and help when required from the subject teacher
- To use the student planner to record homework deadlines for each subject (this should be done at the beginning of the lesson)

Subject Teacher

- To ensure homework deadlines are recorded in student planner
- To offer advice and help for completing the homework
- To ensure regular and informative feedback is given to each student through various methods e.g. teacher assessment, peer/self-assessment and reflection
- To ensure that students can identify a target to improve their homework
- To record positives on Class Charts for the completion of homework
- To highlight regular offenders of non-completion of homework to their Head of Department

Head of Department (HOD)

- To ensure homework is planned into Schemes of Work
- To include homework as a focus for their departmental Self-Evaluation Framework (learning walks/work sampling/marking scrutiny)
- To oversee the content and tasks selected for Homework
- To inform the Leadership Team of good practice or issues regarding homework
- To monitor Class Charts for homework positives and non-completion of homework
- To support HOD's with persistent homework offenders
- To monitor the use of planners ensure that students are recording homework deadlines
- Feedback of any comments/issues from Parents/Carers on homework to Mr S Rawle and Mr P Haylock

Parents/Carers

- To be aware of the Homework Policy from Longfield Academy
- To support the student completion of homework
- To communicate any issues/problems of homework to the Form Tutor