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Bishop Challoner School



Homework Policy



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This policy is also applicable EYFS pupils

Taken from the HMI report on homework:

“Properly designed homework can play a valuable part in a pupil’s education. Its function must be to generate a variety of worthwhile learning experiences additional to those provided in the classroom. If approached in this way, homework is likely to be regarded by pupils as having purpose, relevance and interest”

All pupils should have homework on a regular basis in line with Departmental Policy and the Homework Timetable.

Aims:

- To encourage self-motivation, good organisation and independent learning
- To develop perseverance and self-discipline
- To give extra practice of skills learned in the classroom
- To allow more ground to be covered
- To give more time for teacher assisted learning in the classroom
- To open up areas of study not necessarily available in the classroom
- To involve parents and other adults
- To support and extend work done in class
- To show and confirm understanding of new skills or information
- To challenge pupils to solve problems and develop higher level thinking skills

Responsibilities for Teachers

- To set homework which is a relevant progression from work covered in lessons following the schedule written at the start of each academic year.
- To have a clear idea of the outcomes required and ensure pupils understand these to ensure homework is submitted on time
- To mark, monitor or assess the work as appropriate (see marking and feedback policy)
- To use homework time as an opportunity to use resources not always available in lessons
- To foster links between school and parents, through use of the Show My Homework
- In Years 3-6, teachers need to ensure that homework is posted on Class Dojo
- Check that everyone does the set homework and apply appropriate sanctions to those who fail to do so (if homework is usually given in on time, give a verbal reprimand and ask for homework to be handed in next day). If homework does not appear then, give a detention and log on Sims and Show My Homework. However, for frequent offenders it would be more appropriate to be give a detention immediately and to inform the Head of Section.

Parents

- To ensure appropriate working conditions
- To show interest and support, such as testing learning and helping with organisation
- To check Show My Homework app and to communicate with school through them if necessary
- In Years 3 -6, to check Class Dojo for the homework that is set
- To encourage pupils to use a wide range of resources outside school

Pupils

- To complete homework to the best of their ability
- To check Show My Homework daily to ensure that homework is completed and nothing is missed
- To recognise the value of homework as a support to work completed in school
- To take the opportunity to develop self-disciplined methods of work
- To take the opportunity to use resources such as libraries, personal contacts and facilities in the wider community for example the internet, or relevant software
- To respond to teacher's comments in their books where necessary

Progression

We recognise that the type of homework set must show progression and development as pupils move through school. We also recognise that the amount of homework set will vary according to the pupil's age.

In EYFS classes, the class teacher sets differentiated homework tasks, where appropriate, outlining clear instructions and success criteria. Time is taken during the school day to explain individual homework tasks and to talk to the pupils about what is expected.

Homework in the Preparatory and Pre-Preparatory School will be sent home on Friday and returned to school on the following Wednesday. In addition, pupils are expected to read at home every day.

Pupils in Year 6 will also have homework set on additional days as they prepare for Senior School.

- Homework in KS1 may include
 - practising phonics work
 - reading to an adult
 - learning spellings and times tables
 - practising or extending skills or applying knowledge learnt in class
 - working on a small project or carrying out independent research
- Homework in KS2 may include
 - Independent reading or reading to an adult
 - Learning spellings or times tables
 - practising or extending skills or applying knowledge learnt in class
 - Independent research
 - Projects as appropriate

Reception weekend tasks and daily reading

Year 1 10 mins per night

Year 2 10-15 mins per night

Year 3 15 mins per night

Year 4 20 mins

Year 5 40 mins max

Year 6 40 mins

Pupils will always have reading and spelling for KS1 and 2

In Years 7-9 there will be a greater number of exercises to be completed in one session as well as straightforward learning or reading homework. Gradually some homework will take more than one session, enabling pupils to discipline themselves to complete demanding tasks taking longer planning and completion.

In years 10-11, pupils will be given GCSE assignments which may last for perhaps 2-3 weeks, as well as ordinary homework.

In the Sixth Form, personal study is integral to courses which require 4-5 hours study in addition to lesson time.

After school facility

Homework Club is open to pupils from Year 5. Junior pupils are based in a Junior classroom and Senior pupils have access to the ICT suite in the Junior School. All pupils are supervised for private study and homework until 5.00pm every evening.

Homework timetables

These are currently drawn up by the Deputy Head and issued to tutors to relay to pupils.

KEY STAGE 3 AND 4 HOMEWORK ALLOCATIONS

All Year 7 and 8 homework should be 20-30 minutes for each subject.

Year 9 homework should be between 30-40 minutes for each subject.

For Year 10 and Year 11 it is recommended that the time allocated to homework should be guided by the table below.

Subject	Total Allocation per week (maximum) Year 10 and 11
Option A	2x 30-40 mins
Option B	2x 30-40 mins
Option C	2x 30-40 mins
English	2x 45mins (90 mins)
Maths	2x45mins (90 mins)
Science	3x40mins (40 mins per science)
RS	1x 30-40 mins

Homework Timetable 2023-2024

Week A

Monday

Year 7	Computer Science/ French/RE
Year 8	Maths/Geography/ English
Year 9	Maths/Music/French
Year 10	Science/Business/Economics/ RE
Year 11	Art/French /Geography /Spanish

Tuesday

Year 7	Art/Science/ Maths
Year 8	Science /RE/Latin
Year 9	English/Spanish/History
Year 10	Computer Science/English/Maths/Music
Year 11	Science/English/RE

Wednesday

Year 7	English /Geography/Latin/Science
Year 8	Maths / Science/Spanish
Year 9	RE/English/Latin/ Drama
Year 10	Art/Science/English/Music/French
Year 11	English/Maths/Science

Thursday

Year 7	English/Music
Year 8	English/Computer Science/ History
Year 9	Science /Computer Science/Maths
Year 10	Maths/English/Geography/History/Spanish
Year 11	Latin/Science/PE/Music

Friday

Year 7	History/ Maths/ Spanish
Year 8	Art/Drama/Music/French
Year 9	Science/Geography/Art
Year 10	Science/Latin/Drama/PE
Year 11	Computer Science/English/Maths/History

Week B

Monday

Year 7	Science/Geography /Spanish/French
Year 8	English/Art/Maths
Year 9	Science/ Spanish/Computer Science
Year 10	Drama/Business/English/
Year 11	Art/French Music/Spanish

Tuesday

Year 7	Maths/English/History/RE
Year 8	Latin/RE /Maths
Year 9	Maths/RE/History
Year 10	Science/Latin/ French /Geography/Music/
Year 11	English/RE/Science

Wednesday

Year 7	English/Drama/Latin
Year 8	English/Geography/History
Year 9	English/Geography/ Music/Latin
Year 10	Science/English/RE/Computer Science/Art
Year 11	Maths/English/Science

Thursday

Year 7	Science/History/Music/Art
Year 8	Computer Science/ Spanish/Drama
Year 9	Maths/English/ /French
Year 10	Science/Maths/English
Year 11	Science/Latin/PE/Geography

Friday

Year 7	Maths/Computer Science
Year 8	French/Science/Music
Year 9	Science/Art/Drama
Year 10	Maths/Economics/ History/PE/Spanish
Year 11	Maths/English/History/Computer Science

In the Sixth Form, homework allocation will be dependent on pupil's individual chosen options. However, as a guide they should be completing approximately an hour of homework or background reading per subject, per night.

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