



HILBRE HIGH SCHOOL HUMANITIES COLLEGE

HOMEWORK POLICY

Rationale

“Homework is not an optional extra, but an essential part of a good education” - Government White Paper, Excellence in Schools.

Homework is work that is set to be done outside the timetabled curriculum. It contains an element of independent study in that it is not directly supervised by a teacher. It is important in raising student achievement.

Homework enhances pupil learning, improves achievement and develops pupils' study skills and as such is an integral part of the curriculum. It requires careful planning and integration into the scheme of work of each subject area.

Aims of Homework at Hilbre High School Humanities College

Homework enables pupils to:

- Consolidate and extend work covered in class or prepare for new learning activities.
- Access resources not available in the classroom.
- Develop research skills.
- Have an opportunity for independent work.
- Show progress and understanding.
- Provide feedback in the evaluation of teaching.
- To enhance their study skills e.g. planning, time management and self-discipline.
- To take ownership and responsibility for learning.
- Engage parental co-operation and support.
- Create channels for home school dialogue.

Subject Area Homework Policies

All subject areas should adhere to school expectation for setting homework, detailing:

1. When homework will be set.
2. How much homework should be set.
3. Types of homework used.
4. Place of homework in the scheme of work.
5. Subject area incentives.
6. Sanctions for unsatisfactory work.
7. How and by whom homework will be monitored.
8. Homework action plan following most recent detailed monitoring of homework.

It is good practice to have regular homework 'workshops' at subject area meetings to evaluate, create and enhance specific homework tasks.

Expectations: How much and by whom?

As a rough guide, students can expect to be set the following amount of homework per school day:

Years 7 and 8	= 30 - 60 minutes a day
Year 9	= 60 - 90 minutes a day
Years 10 and 11	= 60 - 120 minutes a day

The amount of homework set is based upon national averages. There will be no homework timetable. As professionals the setting of appropriate and stimulating homework will be left to the classroom teacher. It is vital that in order for the pupil to gain a balanced amount of homework from each subject area that at least one homework is set a week.

Homework tasks

Homework can be:

- Independent learning.
- Consolidation of work in class.
- Practice - learning by doing.
- Research.
- Reading.
- Interviews.
- Drawing.
- Using ICT.
- Recording.

Responsibilities

The role of the pupil:

1. To listen to homework instructions in class.
2. To copy down instructions for the task and deadline date into the homework diary.
3. To ensure that homework is completed and handed in to meet the deadline.
4. To attempt all work and give their best.
5. To inform the class teacher of any difficulties.
6. To show student planner to parent/carer on a weekly basis for them to sign.

The role of the Form Tutor:

1. To see that homework is being set and recorded.
2. To check that the diary is being signed by the Parent/Carer.
3. To note and respond to any comments written in diaries by parents.

The role of the Class Teacher:

The class teacher controls the direction of homework and the nature of tasks undertaken.

The teacher will:

1. Set homework according to the homework policy.
2. Provide the stimulus.
3. Give full and comprehensive instructions.
4. Set deadlines for completed work and ensure that they are met.
5. Mark and return all homework promptly.
6. Provide help and support.
7. Inform the Progress Leader, Form Tutor and Head of House, as appropriate, when problems arise.

Overall monitoring of homework will be made on a half termly basis by Mr White. This will include:

- Student planner sample across the key stages.
- Student interviews about homework levels and quality.
- Good practice sampling and sharing.
- CAL interviews concerning homework
- Subject leader Interviews concerning homework.
- Parental response to homework standards.