



HOMEWORK POLICY

At Hasmonian Multi Academy Trust we believe that homework plays an integral part in the learning process.

1. WHY DO TEACHERS SET HOMEWORK?

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

2. HOW MUCH AND HOW OFTEN?

Key Stage 3 Subject	Time per week	
	Year 7	Year 8
English	2 x 20 mins	2 x 20 mins
Maths	2 x 20 mins	2 x 20 mins
Science	2 x 20 mins	2 x 20 mins
French	2 x 15 mins	2 x 20 mins
MH	2 x 15 mins	2 x 20 mins
Geography	1 x 20mins	1 x 20mins
History	1 x 20mins	1 x 20mins
ICT	20mins - every 2 weeks	20mins - every 2 weeks
Art/Graphics/Photography	20mins - every 2 weeks	20mins - every 2 weeks
Technologies	20mins - every 2 weeks	20mins - every 2 weeks
JS	4 x 20 mins	4 x 20 mins

Key Stage 4	Times per week		
Subject	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
English	2 x 30 mins	2 x 30 mins	2 x 40 mins
Maths	2 x 30 mins	2 x 30 mins	2 x 40 mins
Science	2 x 30 mins	3 x 30 mins	3 x 40 mins
Pool Subjects	1 x 30 mins	1 x 40 mins	2 x 30 mins
JS	4 x 20 mins	3 x 20 mins	2 x 20 mins

Guidelines: Homework set by Learning Areas per week

- Teachers can decide to divide the homework time allocation across the week's lessons.
- Homework tasks can be reading, learning for tests, independent research, consolidation of work in class, practice, completion of coursework assignments etc

3. HOW IS HOMEWORK RECORDED?

- Teachers record all homework directly on to Bromcom every time homework is set.
- Students must record all their homework in their homework diaries, including clear deadlines and any additional instructions.
- If a student is absent from a lesson, it is the student's responsibility to contact the teacher and enquire about any homework before the next lesson; they can also check the Homework on Bromcom.

4. WHAT ARE THE SANCTIONS IF THE HOMEWORK IS NOT DONE OR IS NOT SATISFACTORY?

- The teacher can enter a 'No Homework' notice on Bromcom which in turn can be visible by parents through the MCAS website.
- Class teacher - discussion with pupil about deadlines for producing the homework.

5. HOW IS THE HOMEWORK MARKED?

- Teachers can check the quality of the homework in class through the lesson, giving the students opportunity to discuss any areas they found challenging.
- Homework will be marked in a number of ways: through written or oral feedback and/or through peer marking. At least one piece of homework/classwork will be graded using the school's new grading system/ the new GCSE grading system and should include clear targets for improvement.

6. HOW CAN PARENTS ASSIST THEIR CHILD?

The role of the parent is crucial if a child is to gain success from homework. To reinforce its value through positive feedback will give students the confidence to persevere, work hard and reach high standards of achievement.

Parents can assist by:

- Providing a table, chair and a quiet place to work at home.

- Checking which homework their child has on the MICAS website and also by being aware of the homework to expect by checking the homework timetable.
- Schedule homework completion around non-school leisure activities.
- Helping their children with time management of their homework.
- Checking presentation and content of all homework before submission.
- Checking their child has entered their homework in their diary.
- Providing the school with information about any problems regarding homework through the student planner or by contacting the school directly.