

# HASMONEAN MULTI ACADEMY TRUST



## HOMEWORK POLICY

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

### 1. PURPOSE OF HOMEWORK

The purpose of homework at Hasmonean High School is to consolidate, reinforce and extend students' knowledge and understanding beyond the classroom. Homework is an integral part of the learning process, that helps develop independent learners by boosting students' confidence and refining their study skills.

#### Homework enables pupils to:

- Consolidate and extend work covered in class as well as prepare for future learning.
- Develop research skills.
- Access materials and resources in more depth than is often possible in the classroom.
- Show progress and understanding.
- Enhance their study skills e.g. planning, time management, self-discipline and confidence.
- Take ownership and responsibility for their own learning.
- Engage parental co-operation and support.
- Create channels for home school dialogue

### 2. HOW MUCH AND HOW OFTEN?

Students receive homework from every subject at least once a fortnight. Homework tasks are either for; Practice or Preparation purposes. Students may be tasked to complete quizzes, answer review questions or engage in pre-reading for upcoming topics.

Whilst tasks can vary in length, the information below gives an indication of the maximum amount of time to be spent on homework. It is important to emphasise that students may not always receive this amount daily, some days may be more and some days may be less. Homework timetables are released in September based on the school timetable, to support students effectively manage their workload

In order to help the new year 7 students settle into secondary school, minimal homework is set in the first half term of the Autumn Term.

### **Years 7 & 8:**

Students will be set between 1-3 homework tasks per night.

1 task per week in English, Maths, Science, Geography, History, Modern Foreign Languages (x2 subjects) and Kodesh.

1 task per fortnight in Art and Computing.

Each homework task should last no more than 20 minutes = a maximum 60 minutes per night.

### **Year 9:**

Students will be set between 2-3 homework tasks per night.

2 tasks per week in English and Maths.

1 task per week in Science, Geography, History, BH/RS, Kodesh and for each option subject.

Each homework task should last no more than 30 minutes = a maximum 90 minutes per night.

### **Years 10 & 11:**

Students will be set between 2-3 homework tasks per night.

Each subject will set homework weekly.

Biology, Chemistry and Physics are classed as separate subjects.

Each homework task should last no more than 40 minutes = a maximum 120 minutes per night.

### **Years 12 & 13:**

5 hours of additional study per subject per week (homework and independent study)

## **3. HOW IS HOMEWORK RECORDED?**

- All homework tasks are set on Google Classroom.
- Students need to check Google classroom every day.
- Most assignments can be submitted online.
- A reasonable amount of time will be given for students to complete homework, a minimum of 2 days, depending on when lessons occur.
- If a student is absent from a lesson, it is their responsibility to contact the teacher and enquire about any homework before the next lesson; they can also check any homework on Google classroom

## **4. FEEDBACK**

- Homework feedback will be supportive and diagnostic, helping students identify their strengths and areas of improvement.
- Homework will be marked in a number of ways: through written or oral feedback and/or through self and peer marking. Quizzes may be auto marked using AI technology.
- Self and peer marking of homework can benefit students' learning as much teacher feedback.

## **5. INCOMPLETE HOMEWORK**

If homework is not completed, teachers should initially ensure that the student has been supported and was able to complete the task set.

If the student fails to complete the homework:

- The class teacher records a 'No Homework' negative on Bromcom, which is visible to parents on MCAS. Five 'No homework' in a week will trigger attendance at Homework club, which is run weekly at both Belsize Park and Hendon.

- Class teachers will have a discussion with the student around meeting deadlines and identify any areas of support needed. A new deadline will be set for when the task is due to be submitted.
- If a student fails to hand in this homework or repeatedly produces incomplete homework this result in an after school detention, in line with our Behavioral Policy. Students are expected to catch up on any missed work. As above, Homework club will run every week and will be compulsory for students who regularly do not submit homework every week.
- Students have the ability to catch up their missed homework before homework club if they've been referred to it and submit it to their subject teacher and/or online and not have to attend.
- Students are encouraged to seek out their subject teachers before the deadline if they need support or an extension.

## **6. HOLIDAY HOMEWORK**

KS3: Having worked hard throughout the term, it is not expected that holiday homework will be set. We encourage students to use this time to explore opportunities that enrich their knowledge, ensuring they return refreshed and prepared for the learning ahead. This can be dependent on subjects and where year groups are at in the curriculum.

KS4 & KS5: Holiday homework for KS4 and KS5 if set, should be revision focused on upcoming mock or public examinations.

## **7. ROLE OF PARENTS IN SUPPORTING HOMEWORK**

Parents play an important role in supporting their children to become independent learners. Providing positive feedback to reinforce the importance of homework, builds confidence, motivating students to persevere and work hard in order to maximize their potential.

Parents can assist by:

- Providing a quiet place to work at home.
- Checking which homework their child has on the MCAS website and being aware of the homework timetable.
- Helping their children organise their time to complete homework by the deadline.
- Providing support and guidance if their child needs it.
- Providing the school with information about any problems regarding homework by contacting the school directly.

## **8. MONITORING**

- Initially, the Directors of Learning (DOL) are responsible for the monitoring and completion of homework tasks; this may be delegated, if it is appropriate to do so.
- Senior leaders and DOLs will monitor the consistent setting of homework within departments in line with the homework timetables and policy.
- Year Leaders will assist with the monitoring of homework completion, as they have a holistic overview of each student, and are in a key position to provide additional support on any homework-related issues.

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