

Key Stage 4 Homework Policy

Overview

Frequency, format and duration: Homework must be set at least every two weeks. It can be set weekly or fortnightly assuming that departments meet the requirements for the duration of homework.

KS4 = Minimum of 30 minutes per week per subject/ Minimum of 1 hour per fortnight per subject.

Homework must be relevant to the scheme of learning, exam specifications and classroom learning. Homework should be engaging and challenging with clear links to the knowledge or skills required with completing coursework or undertaking exams.

Setting Homework: Students must write the homework task and the deadline date in their planner. Teachers must also upload the homework and relevant resources onto Google Classroom, to which all students must be assigned.

Feedback: Homework must form an integral part of the learning and specifically the lessons. Homework should be checked as part of a lesson or the product of the homework should be used in a lesson to ensure that students can see the link between the task and their learning.

Marking: Homework must be marked either in class, by peers, or by the teacher. The teacher must verify the marking of the homework. It is important that students get rapid feedback on their work to avoid learnt misconceptions. Homework should be completed in or stuck into books/included with classwork, so that students can see the value of their work.

Rewards

Students' homework will be recognised with rewards as much as possible. Students who have completed homework which shows a good level of effort can be awarded: homework Visas, postcards home, phone calls home. Good examples of homework (as with classwork) could be shared on the academy Twitter and Facebook pages as well as for modelling of exemplar work within lessons.

Positive recognition of homework is an important part of the home learning process and encourages students to take ownership of their learning.

Consequences

If students do not complete their homework the following should take place:

- In Key Stage 4, students will be set a 30 minute detention with the class teacher. Students must complete/work on the homework in the detention. If the student misses a further homework, the class teacher will call home and another detention will be set. Existing Academy Behaviour Policy will be followed for non-attendance to a detention.