



## HOMEWORK POLICY

Homework is regarded as an essential part of education. Virtually all subjects set regular homework. Pupils have homework notebooks in which they record the work which has been set. Parents are asked to check that the book is kept up to date and that the work is being done.

1. Homework encourages independent work and organisation.
  2. It is an essential aspect of pupils achieving higher academic performance.
  3. A pupils' response to homework can vary considerably from one teacher to another.
- The following guidelines will help to produce a good standard of regularly completed homework.

- (a) Try to set tasks regularly on the same night(s) each week.
- (b) Make sure that pupils clearly understand and write down details of the task. Sometimes there is not enough space in the homework diary in which case the diary should refer to details written elsewhere.
- (c) Make sure pupils write down the handing-in date.
- (d) Try to avoid homework extending over a long period of time.
- (e) Check carefully on the handing-in day that the work has been done.
- (f) Try to be positive with any pupils who have not done homework and help them to get the work completed and feel good about it. If a substantial number have not completed the work then we or external circumstances could be to blame.
- (g) Make sure that tasks are realistic, that they are sufficiently structured and pupils can confidently complete the work. Avoid "find out about" unless it is organised and incorporates a recording element.
- (h) The homework is devalued if it is not corrected quickly and regularly.
- (i) Be very careful in the use of "finishing off" as a homework task, it can easily lead to rushed work of a low standard which may just satisfy your signalled expectations.
- (j) Pupils need to feel successful and proud of their homework. Good presentation is essential and makes correcting easier too.
- (k) A minority of pupils for a variety of reasons will produce GOOD homework no matter how badly we organise it. The vast majority require us to organise homework properly and will then do it well.

Finally, if we are having problems with a class doing homework we should look at ourselves first and then discuss the problem with our Head of Faculty, the Head of House etc. until the problem is resolved.