



Beths Grammar School

Homework Policy

Purpose

1. Homework is an integral and an essential part of the learning process. It is set to foster good working habits, to cultivate independent and resourceful students, and to reinforce and extend classroom learning.
2. Students will be provided with homework details and parents are asked to inform the school if there is any concern about homework.
3. Usually homework in three subjects are completed per evening, totalling around six hours per week for Year 7; eight hours per week for Year 8; nine hours per week for Year 9; and ten hours per week for Years 10 and 11. In the Sixth Form homework varies according to the subjects taken; typically each A-level subject will require a minimum of six hours homework each week.

Kinds of homework

4. Homework may involve one or more of the following tasks:
 - completion of work explained in the lesson
 - extension of classwork
 - examination controlled assessment
 - written work (hand-written or typed on a computer) such as comprehensions, answering questions, creative writing, reports and reviews
 - research/project work
 - reading
 - planning of work/drafts
 - observation
 - experiment (with due regard for health and safety)
 - oral work/preparation for a presentation
 - learning vocabulary/facts for a test
 - on-line activities

The above list is not exhaustive and is not arranged in order of preference/expectation.

Other kinds of educational experiences, not traditionally thought of as 'homework'

5. Parents/carers and students are encouraged to recognise that other activities and hobbies in which students engage out of school hours, both in and out of school (e.g. music, dance, sport, martial arts, religious/cultural activities) can, and often do, offer very valuable learning opportunities that develop the 'whole child' in significant and important ways.
6. Nevertheless, it is the responsibility of parents/carers to ensure that such activities do not prevent students completing fully/properly specific homework tasks set by subject teachers.

It is the responsibility of the student to ensure that:

1. Homework is completed to the highest possible standard and handed in on time.
2. Any problems encountered with either the completion or handing in of homework tasks are discussed promptly with the teacher.
3. Showmyhomework is checked regularly.

Being away on the day that homework is set is not an excuse for not doing it. If a student is absent, he/she will be expected to find out what work has been missed and catch up on it.

It is the responsibility of parents/carers to ensure that:

1. The student completes the homework tasks set at suitable times each evening, in conditions conducive to concentration.
2. Any concerns regarding the setting or completion of homework are promptly brought to the attention of the school.

It is the responsibility of the school to ensure that:

1. Homework is set on Showmyhomework.
2. Homework set is clear and appropriate to the needs and abilities of students.
3. Homework consolidates and extends learning.
4. Completed homework is marked and returned to students promptly.
5. The deadline and procedure for handing in homework is clear and that, in the case of larger, project-type pieces of work, suitable interim deadlines are set.

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