

# Homework Policy

## Rationale:

Homework is an integral part of the learning process and is a valued part of pupil's learning. Homework is seen as one of the principal ways to promote a knowledge-rich ethos, ensuring pupil progress, raise attainment and, at the same time, develop key skills that prepare pupils for adult life.

Homework is an opportunity for your child to expand their core knowledge, develop their independent learning skills and improve their capacity to self-manage their studies outside the school day, at the same time allowing for the accurate tracking of pupil progress.

## Purpose:

Homework is defined as any work or activities which pupils are asked to undertake outside of lesson time, either on their own or with the aid of parents or carers.

We recognise the vital role that parents and carers play in the education of their child where we strongly believe in the value of a good home-school partnership, of which our homework policy reflects.

Homework should be meaningful and relevant that helps to:

1. Develop your child's knowledge and understanding of the different topics covered within the curriculum, so that they may contribute more successfully in class and develop a secure foundation of knowledge.
2. Consolidate and reinforce your child's key language across tier 1,2 & 3.
3. Teach your child how to become resilient and an inquisitive seeker of knowledge.

4. Develop your child's ability to study independently by learning how to manage their workload, organise time and prioritise in order to meet deadlines.
5. Develop an effective partnership between the school, parents and other carers in pursuing the academic aims of the school and the development of their child.

Homework tasks should be undertaken to the best of your child's ability. We hope that children will feel a sense of personal satisfaction in a task completed well, where their efforts will be recognised and praised both at home and at school.

We hope that parents and carers will be willing and able to give their active support to ensure that work completed at home is done so conscientiously and in the best possible conditions in addition to the encouragement of other out-of-school activities that promote personal health and well-being.

### What will homework look like and how will it be checked?

At the Hewett Academy we ensure all students have Knowledge Organisers, for all of their subjects, each term. These set out the core knowledge that we believe all children deserve to have.

In Key Stage 3 (Year 7-9) your child will be set homework each week, from each subject, to learn a core section of their Knowledge Organiser. This knowledge will then support their learning in lessons, and it will also be tested in a form time knowledge quiz each week.

In addition your child will be set reading for English and weekly maths homework using HegartyMaths. Other subjects, such as art, may also set some practical tasks to enable your child to practise a particular skill.

In Key Stage 4 (Year 10-11) your child will be expected to use Knowledge Organisers independently to learn core knowledge and they will be expected to work through additional revision workbooks etc. as detailed in their Study Support guide.

### Supporting pupils' completion of homework

We recognise that some pupils are unable to complete homework at home. For this reason we offer supervised homework help sessions at school, at lunch and after school, including the use of computers, other specialised equipment and resources.

### Homework Rewards / Sanctions:

Pupils will receive rewards using Class Charts for all completed work. This will enable them to access the bronze, silver and gold awards and receive recognition for their efforts and attainment through special events, such as Spelling Bee and Pi competitions and school visits.

What happens if work is not completed or a young person cannot do it?

- In the first instance: If there is a problem or difficulty which means that a young person has not been able to complete homework, they should be given further guidance/help and another opportunity to complete the homework rather than being punished.
- In the second instance: If the homework is still not completed students will attend a 30 minute after school detention during which they will be expected to catch up on any work missed. They will then be monitored by their form tutor to ensure that future homework is completed.

### Time to be Spent Completing Homework

Homework Guidelines 2019/20:	
Year 7 & Year 8	approx. 30 minutes of homework per day
Year 9, Year 10 and Year 11	approx. 60 minutes of homework per day; excluding Period 6, mentoring, reading/revision and intervention sessions.

Homework will be set each week for the following week. This will enable your child to plan their independent study time across the week and develop a routine that works for them.

### Responsibility for monitoring:

Homework will be set and managed by subject teachers.

Homework will be overseen and monitored by Curriculum Leads and the Leadership Team.

Form Tutors will monitor homework completion through weekly checks of 'homework books' and a weekly knowledge quiz.

Parents/Carers should also check that homework is being completed and can support by checking their child's knowledge with low stakes quizzing and questioning.