



Maghull High School

Homework Policy

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Teachers at Maghull High School set homework in line with the school's policy and as appropriate for the age and stage of pupils. Teachers endeavour to set homework that consolidates learning and prepares pupils well for work to come.

Why we set homework

- To develop the skill of independent learning
- To prepare for forthcoming lessons – Flipped Learning
- To consolidate learning in class
- To practice skills – learning by doing
- To develop self-discipline and time management skills
- To research an area of interest
- To give opportunity to develop the partnership of pupil/parent/teacher
- To do work which is not suited to the classroom situation

How homework is set

Maghull High School uses a digital platform called Firefly. Teachers in all subjects and year groups set and record homework using Firefly. Pupils and parents can check the homework set using both the Firefly dashboard and the associated app. Some teachers will require the pupils to submit work in an electronic format. Feedback on homework may also be given using this platform. Pupils are able to confirm the completion of homework by submitting a response on Firefly.

Help with Homework

If homework tasks are not understood by students, they should find their subject teacher, before the day when the homework is due for completion, and ask for help. Many resources that may be applicable to the homework set can be found on Firefly.

Key Stage 3

Homework will generally be given at least once during a week 1 and 2 timetable cycle in the core subjects of Maths, English and Science, although dependent upon the requirements of the topic being covered, additional homework tasks may be appropriate. Regular homework, approximately once every week 1 and 2 timetable cycle, will be set in Geography, History and MFL. The Arts, Technology and RE will set homework when the teachers feel it is appropriate to the programme of study. Homework/Study should take approximately 60 minutes per day to complete at KS3. Independent study/reading should also be an expectation at KS3.

Key Stage 4

Given the nature of study in key stage 4 the setting of homework is left to the professional judgement of teaching staff. Again it is recommended that homework is set regularly and appropriately. It is understood that there will be peaks and troughs at different times during the school year for each subject due to controlled assessments, varying examination dates and coursework deadlines. Independent study should also be an expectation at KS4.

Homework/Study should take approximately 90 to 120 minutes per day to complete at KS4.

Post-16

Students should be working for a duration appropriate to their target grade and aspiration in Post-16.

Suggested homework tasks

Tasks should have a clear objective and be linked to programmes of study.

Finishing off work begun in class is not a desirable homework task but in some circumstances it may occasionally be necessary.

Suitable tasks include the following:

Investigations

Research

Reading

Drawing

Simple experiments

Drafting

Revision

Desktop publishing

Summative/diagnostic quizzes

Participation in extra-curricular activities

Attendance at revision sessions

Interviews

Public Library visit

Designing

Word processing

Essay writing

Report writing

Making a model

Projects

Rehearsal

Students' Responsibilities

- Check Firefly on a daily basis
- Complete homework on time
- Attempt all work and give your best
- Ask for help if needed
- Submit work in the format indicated

Parents' Responsibilities

- Provide a peaceful, suitable place for students to work at home
- Make it clear to students that they value homework, and point out the benefits of it
- Ask to see completed homework – praise their children for good work done
- Expect deadlines to be met and check Firefly regularly to see that they are
- Contact school with any concerns regarding homework

School's Responsibilities

- Set appropriate homework and record using Firefly
- Collect it in on the due date and mark it, if appropriate
- Give appropriate feedback to students
- Monitor the quality of homework given
- Ensure that adequate time is allowed for the completion of homework tasks
- Monitor the use of Firefly