

THE WENSLEYDALE SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM HOMEWORK POLICY

Rationale for Homework or Out of School Learning:

Homework is important because it provides students with the opportunity to work independently, develop a range of study skills, including time and project management, and support the learning that goes on in the classroom. High quality homework tasks also generate enthusiasm for individual subjects, prepare for future lessons and create opportunities for all students to make links between different parts of the curriculum via extended projects.

Time Expectations for Homework tasks:

The following timetable shows the days when weekly homework should be set for each subject of the curriculum. In Key Stage 3 our expectation is that students will receive 35 minutes per week for each of the core subjects; English, Maths and Science. For DT, History, Geography and MFL there will be a time allocation of 25 minutes per week. All other subjects will set fortnightly homework lasting 30 minutes per fortnight. In addition, students may be set homework which arises from elements of the tutor programme as appropriate.

In Key Stage 4 our expectation is that students will receive 45 minutes per week for each of the core subjects; English, Maths and Science. For option subjects there will be a time allocation of 35 minutes per week. All other subjects will set fortnightly homework lasting 30 minutes per fortnight. Again, students may be set homework which arises from elements of the tutor programme as appropriate.

In Key Stage 5 our expectation is that students will receive an additional 3 hours for each of their subject choices per week. There is no timetable written for Key Stage 5 as it is expected that homework will usually be set in all lessons.

The deadlines for completion of the homework is not included in this timetable and should be decided by the classroom teacher. However, sufficient time must be given for completion of the homework and the deadline should not be for the next day.

Deadlines for Homework tasks:

All students in Key Stage 3 and 4 will usually be expected to complete the homework within five working days of it being set. At certain times staff may ask for a shorter deadline but this will not be the next day.

In Key Stage 5 where students have the opportunity to complete tasks in school, homework deadlines will be negotiated between staff and students with regard being given to deadlines that have been set in other subject areas.

A homework timetable has been written for Key Stages 3 and 4 which sets out the days when subjects should issue homework. The purpose of this is to spread homework throughout the week, avoiding any crunch points between different subjects.

Setting Homework tasks:

All homework is set on Go4Schools in accordance with this policy.

Support for Students:

Students who experience difficulties in managing their time in relation to homework will be supported by their teacher, Form Tutor or Head of Year.

Types of Homework tasks:

There will be a variety of purposeful and challenging homework tasks set during the year. Not all tasks will be written.

Assessment of Homework tasks:

The methods and frequency of assessing and monitoring homework tasks are detailed in the marking policy and assessment policy of the school and reference should be made to these documents.

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Evaluation of Effectiveness of Homework:

Students, parents and staff will be surveyed twice per year in order to monitor this area of the school. A short report with recommendations will be produced for the Governing Body.

Key Stage 3 and 4 Homework Timetable 2019/21

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