

THE DEAN ACADEMY

HOMework PROCEDURE

Homework is an integral and important part of learning for students.

At Key Stage 3, homework will be set regularly. In English, Maths and Science, students should expect the equivalent of one homework per week. In other subjects, homework will be set every 2 weeks. This will be uploaded onto Classcharts on the day it is set. Homework should be achievable but challenging. There are also knowledge organisers and curriculum documents that can be accessed via the school website for students to do revision.

The homework offer will also include a number of opportunities to engage in extended learning after school. Homework club runs from 3.15-4.30 every afternoon from Monday to Thursday. A computer room is always open every lunch time for students to complete any necessary work.

HOMework IS SET IN ORDER TO:

- Encourage students to develop the skills, confidence, motivation and self-discipline needed to study effectively as independent and life-long learners
- Consolidate, reinforce and extend what students know, understand and can do at school
- Extend school learning: not all learning takes place at school
- Involve parents and carers in students' learning and keep them informed about what students are doing at school
- Help students to get to grips with managing particular demands, such as GCSE exam questions.

HOMework ACTIVITIES MIGHT INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- Short or long answer questions or pieces of writing
- Learning key vocabulary/ knowledge from knowledge organisers (found in curriculum area of website)
- Report writing
- Research
- Revision
- Simple experiments
- **READING:** an invaluable support to learning

Students may expect to receive four or five pieces of homework per week and on those nights when less is set to engage in reading or revision. Students and parents/carers always have access to knowledge organisers and curriculum resources on the curriculum area of the

website – these can be used to support revision of basic knowledge and concepts, and to learn key vocabulary.

Subjects will set roughly one piece of homework for every 2-3 hours of curriculum time during each two week timetable cycle. This means that students should expect rather more homework from English, Maths and Science as they have far more lessons in these subjects. Homework should always be recorded on Classcharts by the teacher – students have responsibility for ensuring their access to Classcharts functions properly. If students do not have access to a computer or smart device at home, arrangements can be made to print of homework at school.

STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO ENSURE THAT THEY:

- Do their best with each piece of work.
- Ask for help if they find the homework too difficult, either from their teacher or from their parent(s) or carer(s) (before it is due in, not on the day of submission).
- Establish a routine with regard to homework, aiming to complete the homework if possible on the night that it has been set, then returning to it later and looking over the work with a fresh pairs of eyes, checking upon quality and accuracy.
- Complete homework on time.

HOW CAN PARENTS AND CARERS HELP?

- Sit down with your son/daughter, checking Classcharts and talking about the homework that has been set
- Support your son/daughter with extended project work by helping them to plan and manage their time
- Provide a quiet and suitable work space (e.g., a desk or table with a chair) for your son/daughter where they are not distracted by interruptions
- Keep younger children out of the way as they work
- Help your son/daughter establish a routine with homework setting aside time for it to be completed and ensuring that it is seen as a priority
- Support and praise your son's/daughter's work, not just when it is completed, but as it is being done
- Encourage your son/daughter to meet deadlines
- Encourage your son/daughter to attend the Homework Club at The Dean Academy and, for older students working towards GCSE, the revision classes on offer

We welcome parent/carer feedback on the level and quantity of homework.

SEN students

Subject teachers are expected to work closely with the SENCO and SEN colleagues and make reference to the Code of Practice and the school's SEN register etc. SEN students are required

to receive homework tasks that cater for their individual learning needs, including consolidation or reinforcement of skills practised in class.

Rewarding Effort

Students should be rewarded for producing good homework. For example, constructive feedback may be given orally or in writing, positive points may be awarded in line with school policy and faculties and departments are encouraged to contact home to inform parents/carers, e.g. via a postcard of praise or a phone call.

If a student forgets his/ her homework, he/ she will need to speak to the subject teacher before or during the next lesson. The subject teacher may extend the deadline for the piece, or a detention may be issued in line with faculty policy.

General

In GCSE classes, the nature and spread of homework changes throughout the year depending on when end of topic tests, assessments and extended pieces of work are being completed. It is important that students, with the support of parents and staff, manage their time to ensure that all work is completed thoroughly. It is equally important that we try to avoid overload so any parents who have concerns over this should contact their child's tutor/Head of Year immediately so that the matter can be resolved.