



The Windsor Boys' School

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Homework is work that is set to be done outside the timetabled curriculum. It contains an element of independent study in that it is not usually directly supervised by a teacher. It is important in raising student achievement.

Not all homework is done at home; in fact, for some pupils who find it hard to work at home, or for some tasks which may require resources (books, software, equipment) more readily available at school, it is necessary or desirable to carry out the task at school.

Homework enhances pupil learning, improves achievement and develops pupils' study skills and as such is an integral part of the curriculum.

A homework timetable is issued to students in Years 9, 10 & 11 however subject teachers may at times need to deviate from it.

Homework should:

- Encourage students to develop the practice of independent study.
- Develop perseverance and self-discipline.
- Encourage students to have self-awareness, self-confidence and initiative.
- Enable students to learn through the practice of skills acquired in the classroom.
- Permit more rapid progress to be made by each individual; to promote quiet reflection on the work covered in the lesson.
- Enable class work to concentrate on those activities requiring the teacher's presence.
- Encourage students to investigate topics of study in depth, particularly through the use of effective follow-up questions.
- Open up areas of study and to make possible the use of materials and sources available outside the classroom.
- Encourage students to enjoy the skills, concepts and experiences related to each subject.
- Encourage students to talk, discuss and research using the rich variety of resources which are to listen to homework instructions in class.

Pupils should:

- Copy down instructions for the task and deadline date into the homework diary.
- Ensure that homework is completed and handed in to meet the deadline.
- Attempt all work and give their best.
- Inform the class teacher of any difficulties.

Parents can assist by:

- Providing a quiet place to work.
- Checking the time spent on individual tasks.
- Checking presentation and content of all homework being returned to school.
- Signing the homework planner each week.
- Providing the school with information about any problems through the homework diary or by contacting the school directly

On average a pupil should expect to receive the following amount of homework:

- Year 9-anywhere between 60 – 120 minutes per day.
- Years 10 & 11 -anywhere between 90 – 150 minutes per day.
- Years 12&13 -15hours across the week

Homework can take a variety of forms, including:

- Writing tasks;
- Note-taking and writing up notes taken in lessons;
- Reading;
- Learning – for example: facts, vocabulary, spellings;
- Completing coursework;
- Research;
- Drawing or design work;
- Preparing for discussions or presentations;
- On-line learning;
- Answering questions;
- Completing worksheets;
- Revising for tests and exams

Homework can be supplemented by pupils visiting the subject pages on Firefly and accessing the content provided.

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