

Secondary Homework Policy

Purpose of Homework

CFS believes in homework that supports class study and has meaningful outcomes. There are various reasons for setting homework. These include:

- to encourage and develop self-discipline, study habits and a range of skills in planning and organising time,
- to allow reinforcing, extending and consolidating of work done in class,
- to prepare for future lessons,
- to give pupils experience of working on their own,
- to develop in pupils a sense of responsibility and commitment to their own learning,
- to prepare for tests and assessments,
- to further challenge and extend more able pupils,
- to provide focused and support for less able pupils.

Frequency of Homework

Class teachers will set homework each week in most subject areas for all KS3 and KS4 students. This may be a single task, or may be split into two shorter homework tasks. We recommend that at KS3 homework for most subjects should take 30 minutes; at KS4 homework should take between 45 minutes and an hour. Pupils will be given a week to complete each task they are set. This should enable them to manage their time, including Period 6 Supervised Study periods.

Show My Homework

Students will be able to monitor their own homework using 'Show my Homework', an online programme which enables teachers to set homework and deadlines, and students to check their personalised homework diary at any time. Parents also have access to this on-line service to support their son or daughter.

Supervised Study

In Years 7-10 they can opt for additional Supervised Study periods when choosing termly clubs. During Supervised Study, students will be expected to work on their homework independently, in silence. All homework that is not completing in Supervised Study must be completed at home.

Failure to Complete Homework

If pupils fail to complete homework they will usually be given a second chance. After this a sanction will be applied, which will usually be a lunch time detention. The pupil will be expected to complete the work in the detention.

Responsibilities of the Pupil

- To listen to homework instructions in class.
- To ensure that homework is completed and handed in to meet the deadline.
- To attempt all work and give their best.
- To resolve any problems with homework before the deadline, if necessary by seeing the teacher who set the work for help.
- If absent, to find out what homework has been missed and catch up. **Being away on the day that homework is set or collected in is not an excuse for not doing it.**

Responsibilities of the School

- To set purposeful homework regularly in each subject, providing clear instruction on Show My Homework
- To set deadlines of at least a week for each task, again recording on Show My Homework
- Monitor the completion of homework, recording whether the pupil has submitted it on Show My Homework. Set sanctions where homework has not been handed in.
- Give feedback on homework, where appropriate, according to the CFS Feedback Policy (this may be written or verbal feedback from the teacher or self or peer feedback). It is acknowledged that for some tasks, including some online learning tasks and revision/learning tasks no additional feedback may be necessary. Where feedback is appropriate it should be given in a timely fashion, the aim should be within one week of the deadline.
- HODs will monitor the quality and regularity of homework that is set and whether SMHW is kept up to date.

Responsibility of the Parent/Carer

- To support the child with their homework, but refrain from doing it for them.
- To encourage the child to become more responsible and independent with their homework as they move up the school.
- To provide a reasonable place where the child can work at home.
- To encourage pupils to meet homework deadlines and support the school in sanctions where these are not met.
- To make it clear to pupils that they value homework and support the school with this aspect of their child's learning.