

Prince Andrew School



Homework Guide For Parents

Introduction

At Prince Andrew School, we aim to provide homework that is varied, stimulating and appropriately challenging. Homework is an essential part of developing lifelong and independent learning. It should be designed to improve literacy and numeracy; to consolidate and reinforce the skills learnt in school; to develop the skills, confidence and motivation for students to learn on their own and to involve parents and carers in your child's learning. This guide should inform you on the homework requirements of the school and offer guidance on how you can help your child continue their learning at home.

Homework Loadings:

In most cases, students receive two pieces of homework per night. The time that students should spend on their homework every evening should be approximately:

Year 7-9:	A minimum of 30 mins per week for English (plus reading), Maths (plus number work) and Science. All other subjects 30 mins every two weeks (however, the scope is there for homework to be given every week if necessary)
Year 10-11:	A minimum of 1 hr for English, Maths and Science. All other subjects <u>up to</u> 1 hour per week These loadings should rarely be exceeded
Year 12-13:	6 hours of guided and independent study per A level subject to include private study in school. This will vary and is a general guide

In addition, teachers may set optional homework tasks for extension and consolidation, to help support independent learning.

How You Can Help Your Child

Outlined below are a number of ways you can support your child's learning:

- Ensure that your child has their own desk or a quiet study area at home.
- Establish study routines, encouraging your child to complete homework early in the evening before they become too tired.
- Ensure your child is utilizing study time effectively; discuss what distracts your child from studying at home and how these distractions can be reduced.
- Ensure your child spends the required amount of time on homework tasks.
- Check your child's diary regularly, monitoring completion of homework, checking for messages written in by teachers and including your own comments when necessary.
- Help your child plan his/her work commitments around your family commitments.
- Discuss your child's work with them, asking them to tell you about the tasks they are completing. Provide plenty of praise and encouragement.

Homework Policy:

- All homework should be recorded in your child's homework diary.
- Homework should be completed for the deadline.
- If homework is not completed by the deadline, the teacher will sign the Praise and homework card.
- Three signatures will result in a Friday afternoon detention. This will give your child an opportunity to complete the homework outstanding.
- After six signatures, another Friday afternoon detention will be issued and your child's HOY will meet with your child to discuss the issues they are having with completing homework.
- A further three signatures will result in your child being placed on Homework Report for two weeks.
- At all stages, parents and carers will be kept informed.