

Prince Andrew School

Homework Policy

Aims

- To provide Homework tasks which are varied, stimulating, appropriately challenging and enjoyable.
- To develop the skills and attitudes required for successful lifelong learning.
- To develop of independent learning skills.
- To encourage parents to take part in their children's education.
- To provide reasonable and well managed homework activities to help our students develop into well rounded, happy and healthy individuals with a variety of outside interests.

The Purpose of Homework:

- To develop the skills, confidence and motivation needed for students to study on their own
- To improve literacy and numeracy
- To consolidate and reinforce skills and understanding developed at school
- To extend school learning, for example through additional reading, extension activities, etc
- To involve parents and carers so they know what their children are doing and can encourage their learning
- To manage the demands of examination coursework.

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 up to 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.

Recording Homework

- Students must have their Planner with them for every lesson and teachers must ensure that the planner is either on the desk or easily accessible.
- Homework must always be recorded in the Student Planner. Instructions and deadlines should always be clear, with advice for where to get help (textbooks or webpages).
- To assist students with literacy issues, teachers should provide printed slips to help them record their homework

Homework Timetable and Deadlines:

- The Homework timetable is co-ordinated across subjects. Subject teachers should use this homework timetable as a guide.
- Realistic deadlines will be set for the completion of homework and coursework. A minimum of two days should normally be given for homework to be completed. Homework should not be set overnight.
- The total amount of homework set for pupils should be consistent and manageable for them on a daily basis.

- The SLT and HoY will monitor homework.
- Homework will only be given to students during holidays if it is specifically related to advance course preparation such during transition, to prepare for examination coursework or external examination. (I think homework should be given of any type)

The internet:

Where the internet is not available at home, hard copies of worksheets should be made available where possible.

Feedback on Homework to students:

All homework should be marked within a reasonable time-frame; this can be peer, teacher or self-assessment, and could be a group discussion or a starter activity. Feedback can be written or oral and focussing on marking for progress.

Differentiation of homework:

Where appropriate, homework will be differentiated to allow pupils of different abilities and learning styles to meet the learning objectives. This can include giving a variety of different tasks options (e.g. write a report or article, prepare a presentation), worksheets or questions of different difficulty, or differentiation by outcome.

Co-ordination and monitoring by the Student Support and Leadership Team:

Homework will be regularly monitored by the Tutors and HoY including sampling of students and Planners.

The role of parents and carers:

For homework to be effective [homework remove this word?] and requires the support of parents.

Homework Club

An afterschool homework club will be provided which is supervised by a member of staff. The purpose of this is to provide students with a venue to undertake their homework prior to leaving school.

Sanctions for non-completion of homework:

- All students will carry a homework record card, which the student MUST HAVE WITH THEM AT ALL TIMES. Failure to produce this card when required will result in immediate detention with HOY/DHd.
- If a student does not complete homework on time, the teacher must complete the homework record card
- On the third occasion, the teacher signing must take the student's homework record card and hand it to the student's HoY as soon as possible.
- The student failing to complete homework on 3 occasions will then be placed in the supervised homework detention on Friday period 6.
- Once this sanction has been completed, the homework record card is returned to the student.
- On the sixth occasion, the teacher signing must take the student's homework record card and hand it to the student's HoY as soon as possible.
- The student failing to complete homework for a further 3 occasions (making a total of 6 occasions) will result in attendance at the supervised homework detention on Friday period 6.
- The student's HoY will then meet with the student to discuss why homework is not being done and to suggest some strategies for helping the student with this problem.
- On the ninth occasion, the teacher signing must take the student's homework record card and hand it to the student's HoY as soon as possible.
- The student failing to complete homework for a further 3 occasions (making a total of 9) will result in attendance at the supervised homework detention on Friday period 6. This student will also be placed on Homework Monitoring Card for at least 2 weeks before being removed.
- When sanctions for the homework detention are imposed, parents and carers will be informed and where necessary and a case conference established.

A rota of staff supervision will be established for the homework detention.