

Homework Policy

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Homework is an essential means of reinforcement of the learning which has taken place in the classroom. All homework assignments must be attempted and completed to the best of the student's ability and to the satisfaction of the subject teacher. It consolidates and supplements the work done in class and promotes independent learning and creativity.

The importance of a strong personal work ethic, together with a sense of pride in work produced, should be explained to each class group by their respective Class Tutor and Year Head. These aspirations must be encompassed by the overall school ethos.

Role of Student:

- (i) All students are required to complete their homework on time and to an acceptably high standard .
- (ii) Each student must have the official school Homework Journal and record homework at the end of each class period.
- (iii) This journal is an integral part of the student's record in the school and may be inspected at any time. It must not be defaced.
- (iv) Each student must have a homework/study plan and record this in journal.

Role of Teacher:

- (i) To assign relevant homework, taking into account age, ability and time available to student and number of subjects being studied.
- (ii) To monitor and correct homework.
- (iii) To communicate any concerns in relation to homework to parents, initially by journal and subsequently by phone.
- (iv) To give adequate time to take down homework at end of class. (To be recorded in Journal).
- (v) To give a reasonable amount of time for completion of longer homework assignments.

Role of Parent:

- (i) Allocation of adequate and regular time for study is a priority.
- (ii) To provide suitable study facilities for the student.
- (iii) To monitor and sign homework journal on a weekly basis.

- (iv) Reasons for non-presentation of homework must be recorded in journal by parent.
- (v) Parents should feel free to contact school with any concerns. An appointment with a teacher can be made by telephoning the school secretary.

Suggested Homework/Revision time allocation

	Minimum time Daily/incl. weekend	Total Weekly
First Year	1½	9 hrs.
Second Year	2 hrs.	12 hrs.
Third Year	3 hrs.	18 hrs.
Fourth Year	2 hrs.	12 hrs.
Fifth Year	3 – 4 hrs.	18 – 24 hrs
Sixth Year	3 – 4 hrs.	18 – 24 hrs.

Per subject/ approximate allocation per subject e.g

3 rd Year	
English	2¼hrs.
Irish	2¼hrs
Maths	2¼hrs
6 X Options	1¾hrs.
Religion	1¼ hrs.
C.S.P.E.	¾ hr.
TOTAL	18 hrs.

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Role of Student:

- (i) All students are required to complete their homework to an acceptably high standard and on time.
- (ii) It is the students responsibility to record homework (absence from class/students are required to present homework at the next class.
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Role of Teacher:

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- (ii) To monitor and correct homework.
- (iii) To record any concerns in relation to homework in the student journal.
- (iv) To give adequate time to take down homework in Student Journal at end of class.
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