



Homework Policy & Arrangements

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1.0 PURPOSE/RATIONALE

At Freebrough Academy our homework policy is designed to help all students achieve their full potential. We recognise the value of homework in extending learning opportunities beyond the core hours of the day.

At secondary level, the recommendation of the time spent on homework or GCSE coursework is that it should fall within the following ranges:

Year 7: 45 to 90 minutes per day

Year 8: 45 to 90 minutes per day

Year 9: 1 to 2 hours per day

Year 10: 1.5 to 2.5 hours per day

Year 11: 1.5 to 2.5 hours per day

The homework set for students at Freebrough Academy aims to:

- Reinforce concepts learnt within the classroom.
- Offer opportunities to investigate and explore ideas.
- Provide extension tasks to enrich the understanding of key concepts.
- Complete assessment tasks including coursework that contributes to final GCSE grades.

Homework is set for students in class and should be noted in their planner. Students must complete the set task ensuring that they seek further help if needed. This needs to be returned by the due date to the classroom teacher.

Not all students have access to a positive work environment in which to complete homework. A supportive working environment will be provided for students to complete homework within the Library/Learning Resource Centre before and after the Academy day and during lunchtime.

Students will be encouraged to complete homework as a group activity, with support of mentors in vertical tutor groups, using the www and podcasts to develop independent and collaborative skills of working.

Staff will put the majority of homework tasks onto the VLE, along with resources to enable self supported study. This will be returned electronically by students for marking. Staff will assess and return electronically to students. Portable ICT solutions will be available to students to use within the Academy with access to a wireless network.



Parents will be given details of homework to be set on a termly basis to enable them to monitor its completion.

Pastoral and Student Progress Leaders will monitor planners on a monthly basis to ensure homework is being completed. Issues will be discussed with teaching staff, students and parents.

Adopted by Freebrough Academy

Chair of Academy's Trust Board

Principal

Review Date