Homework Policy

Magna Academy

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"Homework is not an optional extra, but an essential part of a good education". - 1999 White Paper, Excellence in Schools

The Purpose of Homework

Homework is work that is set to be completed outside of the timetabled curriculum. It contains an element of independent study in that it is not usually directly supervised by a teacher. Homework is important in raising student achievement, and should enhance student learning opportunities.

Homework enables students to:

● Practice, consolidate and extend work covered in class or prepare for new learning activities.

● Access resources not available in the classroom.

● Enhance the study skills of planning, time management and self-discipline.

● Take ownership and responsibility for learning.

● Engage parental cooperation and support.

The impact of homework on student progress will be assessed through the wider Academy quality assurance programme as part of a termly cycle.

Setting of Homework

Homework is set as a series of assignments through the use of google classroom. Setting homework in this way results in the generation of a calendar reminder for both staff and students. Therefore, students will not need planners as students, parents/carers and staff can access the calendar and ensure that tasks are prioritised, and deadlines met. Additional homework may be set within subject areas providing that the timing allocation for that subject is adhered to.

Non completion of homework will be followed up via home contact by the tutor in the first instance, and suitable support put into place. Continued non-completion of homework will result in appropriate sanctions determined by the subject leader, and if necessary the Head of Year.

Academy Homework Support

The Phoenix Centre has the following support on offer each week to support students in completing their daily homework tasks.

- Morning homework support from 8am in G34
- After school homework club, 3pm till 4pm in G34 every day after school except Thursday
- After school Compulsory homework catch up every day in the Dining hall
- Homework clubs run in curriculum areas for subject specific support

Key Stage 3

KS3 consists of 2 tasks each evening totalling 60 minutes, plus a Maths Drill Worksheet once a week.

Year		Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7 & 8		30 mins	SQ Maths	SQ English	SQ Science	SQ Hums	SQ MFL
		30 mins	Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading
			Maths Drill Worksheet				
9	**Week 1**	30 mins	SQ Maths	SQ English	SQ MFL	SQ Biology	SQ Geography
		30 mins	Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading
			Maths Drill Worksheet				
	Week 2	30 mins	SQ Maths	SQ English	SQ Chemistry	SQ History	SQ Physics
		30 mins	Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading
			Maths Drill Worksheet				

Tutors check the completion of the Self-Quizzing and Reading homework each morning during registration, for the previous evening.

Task 1 – Self Quizzing

Each evening students will Self-Quiz using their Subject Knowledge Organisers. Students will be directed to specific lines of their Subject Knowledge Organiser to learn that evening. Students will spend 30 minutes on this each evening, completing a minimum of 1 page in their practice book. This will be checked during the following morning during tutor time. If incomplete students will be issued a 30-minute detention.

Task 2 – Reading

Students have daily reading homework. For three nights a week, students will have a 30-minute reading task to complete from their reading homework booklet. This booklet contains non-fiction, fiction or literary non-fiction secondary texts which are linked to their class DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) Penguin Classic book. These texts will help to provide contextual information, information about a specific genre or time, or thematic links to their primary DEAR book. Students read the appropriate text (or part text) and answer the questions relating to this as indicated on the homework grid at the front of the booklet. Students can answer the questions in the booklets. The questions are used to test the students' understanding of what they have read.

For the other two nights a week, students will read an appropriate text of their own choice (Reading for Pleasure – R4P) for 20 minutes and write a short summary about what they have read. This part should take 10 minutes and also be written in the booklet – the minimum expectation is half a page. Students may use the list of questions and sentence starters at the front of the booklet to help structure their summary. This will be checked during the following morning during tutor time; if incomplete students will be issued a 30-minute detention.

Task 3 – Maths Drill Worksheet

Students will receive a booklet at the start of each unit, containing all their weekly maths drill sheets for that unit. *The student's Maths teacher will check this homework task has been completed each week, during their first maths lesson of the week.* If incomplete students will be issued a detention by their maths teacher. *Tasks from Hegarty Maths (*www.hegartymaths.com) *will also be set. Completing these will be 'Above and Beyond' and students will be awarded positive points for* this, *as it is additional homework.*

Key Stage 4

Year 10 subject homework consists of 30 minute Self-Quizzing each night on a 2 week subject rotation, plus 1 hour a week of subject specific task(s) for each of the subjects that a student studies. On average, this works out as 2.2 hours a night.

Year 10	Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	30 mins	SQ Maths	SQ English	SQ Biology	SQ History	SQ Chemistry
	60 mins	Biology	Option Subjects	English	Maths	Chemistry
Week 2	30 mins	SQ Maths	SQ English	SQ Physics	SQ Geography	SQ French/ Spanish
	60 mins	Physics	Option Subjects	English	Maths	

Year 11 subject homework consists of 30 minute Self-Quizzing each night on a 2 week subject rotation, plus 1 hour a week of subject specific task(s) for each of the subjects that a student studies. On average, this works out as 2.4 hours per night.

Year 11	Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	30 mins	SQ Maths	SQ English	SQ Biology	SQ EBacc1	SQ Chemistry
	60 mins	Maths & Biology	History & French	English & Chemistry	Option Subjects	Geography & Spanish
Week 2	30 mins	SQ Maths	SQ English	SQ Physics	SQ EBacc 2	
	60 mins	Maths & Physics	History & French	English	Option Subjects	Geography & Spanish

Tutors check the completion of the Self-Quizzing homework each morning during registration, for the previous evening. For all KS4 subject specific homework tasks, homework will be set on the specific night stated on the rota, though some students may not have a lesson on this specific day and will therefore be set at the appropriate time. Students will then be given a full week to complete their subject specific homework. Non completion will result in an appropriate sanction.

Key Stage 5

Year 12 and 13 homework comprise subject specific tasks set each week for individual A Level and BTEC subjects. In addition, students should complete 30 minutes of self-quizzing per subject per week.

Students will also be expected to study independently outside of lessons There will be opportunities to complete Wider Independent Study (WIS) during supervised private study, and at home. WIS tasks will help to develop students' academic initiative and consists of watching, listening to and reading around specific elements of each subject leading to enhanced subject knowledge and cultural capital.

Sixth Form Homework Tasks: Examples

- Preparatory notes
- Flip learning
- Practice
- Exam practice
- Essay completion
- Assignment research or write up
- DEAR subject specific reading, reflection and response

An example two-week cycle for Sixth Form is as follows;

Subject	Lessons	Homework (Hours)	WIS(Hours)	Self-Quizzing
Option A	10	10	2	1
Option B	10	10	2	1
Option C	10	10	2	1
EPQ	4		2	