



Homework Policy

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All Saints Church of England Academy Plymouth is an inspirational community of learning that ensures children succeed beyond potential. It provides a broad and balanced curriculum that strengthens the body, challenges the mind and nourishes the spirit, encouraging everyone to go beyond their best.

All Saints Academy Plymouth mission is based on four golden threads:

- FAITH – putting Christian faith at the heart of every action and providing a safe environment and caring ethos for all
- FOUNDATIONS – creating strong foundations in learning, behaviour and success for all
- FAMILY – understanding the importance of family, the value of community and ensuring support for all
- FUTURES – preparing for bright futures shaped from excellent progress, achievement and choice for all

This policy and the associated procedures are based on these principles, aims and beliefs.

Introduction

We believe that homework should be set on a regular basis for all students and should fulfil the aims of the Academy in:

- meeting the educational needs of all students as individuals by fostering a spirit of enquiry and thus enabling them to acquire knowledge, skills, understanding and qualifications;
- providing worthwhile learning activities that are planned and integral parts of the programme of study;

Purpose

- To strengthen students' understanding of key information, concepts and subject specific terminology directly related to the syllabuses that inform their GCSE examinations;
- To supplement and extend the work covered in class;
- To foster responsibility, self-discipline and good organisation in students;
- To encourage students to become independent learners;
- To prepare students for future lessons;
- To further the home-Academy partnership

Procedure

- A formal homework timetable will be devised for the beginning of each academic year by a member of the Senior Leadership Team and this is included in the front of each Knowledge Organiser;
- Students are required to complete one full page of their Knowledge Organiser each day for each of the subjects on their homework timetable in their practice book or 30 minutes per subject (parents / carers are encouraged to sign a student's practice book to say that the student has spent the requisite amount of time on their homework);
- Students should use their Knowledge Organiser after they have finished to mark and correct their own work (ideally in green pen);
- Students must sign their self-check sheet after they have finished their homework each day;
- Students must get their self-check sheet signed by their tutor each morning in tutor time;
- Homework should be TANC (on Time / Accurate / Neat and Complete). Work that isn't TANC will be treated as not completed;
- Students are responsible for keeping their Knowledge Organisers and practice books up to date and in good condition, and to meet homework demands;

- Parents / carers are encouraged to check their child's homework schedule and practice book and write a note if there are reasons for a student failing to complete their homework;
- Open-ended tasks provide opportunities for students of all levels of ability to achieve and in particular allow the able student to produce extended, reflective work. Learning Support will advise and collaborate with subject teachers to ensure tasks are suitable for students with SEN;
- When a student fails to complete homework or if the work is of an unacceptable standard the member of staff should investigate why, considering for example:
 - home circumstances
 - the student's previous record for completion of homework
- The tutor will use his/her professional judgement as to whether to apply appropriate Academy sanctions. If problems persist the student should be referred to the tutor and parents should be informed. Copies of any communication regarding homework should be forwarded to the tutor for filing. If a student is experiencing difficulties with completing tasks the teacher should consult the appropriate support teacher for that year group. It would greatly benefit good practice if consistent sanctions were applied across year groups and subjects to instil good study habits in students.

Resources

- At the start of each academic year, students will be provided with a homework pack comprising of: A Knowledge Organiser (new one issued every term), a practice book and a plastic wallet;
- A homework timetable is included in the front of each Knowledge Organiser;
- All Knowledge Organiser are uploaded to our website and thus accessible from home

The Academy recognises that the home circumstances of some of our students do not provide a suitable environment for study. The library opening hours are extended beyond the normal Academy day (3.10-4.10) providing students with the requisite help and support. Students and parents should be informed and reminded of this opportunity at regular intervals.