

Homework Policy

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Queensgate College believes that homework acts an extended high quality learning experience beyond the limits of the school day. Encouraging students to complete tasks away from the classroom enhances their potential progress and raises achievement standards. Homework task is generally related to work that students are doing in school, often as preparation, consolidation or follow up work. Homework can be done by students working on their own or with the help and support of parents, other family members or carers. We believe that homework should be used as an opportunity to develop students' wider skills and encourage parental involvement in their child's education.

Aim

In our school homework will enable our students to:

- Consolidate ideas, concepts, knowledge and skills;
- Practise techniques and skills learned in lessons;
- Research subjects and topics;
- To develop interests and prepare for new work;
- To develop the skills of independent learning;
- To involve their families in the partnership of education;
- To provide parents and carers with an opportunity to know about their child's work in school;
- To help students develop good work habits for the future;
- To allow students to practise skills taught in lessons.

Expectations

The expectation is that homework will be set, on a weekly basis, for all students in the core subjects:

- GCSE English & Functional Skills Literacy
- GCSE Maths & Functional Skills Numeracy
- GCSE ICT & Functional Skills ICT

Other subjects will set homework based on encouraging the development of independent study skills, examples of this could be:

- Researching specific topics, using a variety of methods including the internet, newspapers, books etc.
- Class room task completions
- Home-based tasks – Drawings, pictures etc
- Collecting evidence from newspapers and magazines.

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It is expected that these forms of homework will be given on a weekly basis.

Teaching staff will keep a Homework File which will include a register, tracking when homework is given out and when it is returned completed. Examples of any work will also be kept. This will be collected for review by the senior member of staff on a termly basis.

At initial interview it is pointed out to parents/carers that homework will be set and the expectation is that it is returned on a weekly basis.

Marking

All homework is marked regularly by the class teacher in line with our school policy for marking. Students will, more often than not, also be given verbal feedback by the class teacher.

Equal Opportunities

We set homework for all students as a normal part of school life. We ensure that all tasks set for homework are differentiated and appropriate to the ability of the student. We also try to ensure that homework set is not dependent on the availability of resources at home e.g. computer.

We will also provide a time after school for students to complete written tasks, access the internet and research facilities onsite.

Entitlement

Students', who regularly complete and return their homework will be awarded points, receive achievement certificates and receive tangible rewards in line with the Behaviour Management Policy. In this way we hope to build up a culture of homework and extended positive behaviour and attitude towards learning.

This policy will be reviewed and where necessary updated on an annual basis.