



Marshalls Park Academy

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Homework Policy

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1. Rationale

Homework and home learning forms an integral part of a child's educational development. There is a great deal of research that shows that learning outside of the classroom has a positive impact on student's outcomes. The EEF review of the evidence of homework for secondary aged pupils ([EEF 2019](#)) shows that homework has a positive effect, where students make, on average, an additional five months progress.

- Homework will be set on an online piece of software called "Show My Homework" and/or Microsoft Teams dependant on specific task. This software can be downloaded as an app and runs on mobile devices;
- We encourage the involvement of parents and carers in the educational process, providing them with an insight into the work expected of their child;
- Homework will support and encourage self-organisation and self-discipline;
- Homework will be set to prepare students for life opportunities and experiences.

The type, frequency and marking criteria for homework varies considerably for each key stage and subject and as such, a rigid timetable is not feasible, however a guide to homework hours can be found in section 2.

2. Frequency

Homework frequency has been carefully considered to ensure all students have access to the appropriate amount of work across the curriculum. Below is a table of guided homework hours per fortnight. Staff will use this as a guide; however, weeks and terms' allocation may differ due to the demands of the curriculum at that point.

It is at the discretion of the Curriculum or Subject Leader as to the frequency of homework set.

Subject	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
English	2 & 2 Reading	2 & 2 Reading	2 & 2 Reading	4	4
Maths	2	2	3	3	3
Science	4	4	6	6	6
History	1	1	1	2	2
Geography	1	1	1	2	2
RE	1	1	1	2	2
Art	1	1	1	2	2
Music	1	1	1	2	2
Business Studies	-	-	-	2	2
PE Core	1	1	-	-	-
GCSE PE	-	-	2	2	2
Dance	1	1	1	2	2
MFL	2	2	4	4	4
Drama	1	1	2	2	2
D&T	1	1	2	2	2
Food	1	1	2	2	2
Computer Science	1	1	1	2	2
Fortnight Total	23	23	32	41	41

3. Types of homework

Homework tasks will reflect what is happening at that time in the planned curriculum. The list below is not exhaustive but gives an example of acceptable homework.

Homework can take the form of:

- Use of online learning programmes e.g. GCSE pod or SAM learning;
- Completion of practice papers in examination conditions;
- Follow up work from an assessment, to inform independent study;
- Completion of further examples of work undertaken in class to reinforce what has been learnt;
- Appropriate and relevant research at home or in the library using a variety of sources that will be used to inform future assessment.
- Retrieval practice of learnt materials.
- Further reading around the subject.

4. Homework feedback

The assessment/feedback process for each piece of homework will be set by the teacher. There will be occasions where a piece of homework will not be formally marked, as the evidence of completion will be gauged during an assessment or in class questioning.

If the work that the student has produced is not of a good enough quality, or an assessment shows that a suitable level of revision/research has not been completed, the teacher may contact parents/carers. Students may be asked to re-complete homework during an afterschool curriculum detention.

Homework feedback will form part of the schools assessment and marking policy.

The use of Show My Homework and other online tools allows some marking to be automated.

Students may peer assess work according to a teacher generated marking criteria.

6. Homework support

To support students with their homework the on-site Library is open after school where books can be borrowed and the internet accessed. If prearranged, students can have access to ICT resources for a longer period of time.

For specific help or guidance relating to pieces of homework, students should go and see their teachers directly.

If further support is required students are able to attend our staffed homework club. These sessions run from 3pm – 4pm Tuesday to Thursday in AF01 and students are able to access assistance from one of our learning support team, use ICT facilities and have access to resources/materials to support the completion of their work.