

Chesterton Community College Homework Policy

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Homework Policy

Aims of Homework at Chesterton Community College

- To help students realise their potential.
- To encourage the development of independent study.
- To provide opportunities for parents/carers to support the learning of their children.
- To provide a supportive homework club to assist those students who require help.

Setting and Recording Homework

- Teachers will set homework that meets the needs of students of all abilities.
- In Year 7, homework will only be set in English, Maths and Modern Languages for the first term. In the spring and summer terms homework will be set in English, Maths, Modern Languages, Science, and Humanities.
- In Years 8&9 homework will be set in the following subjects: English, Maths, Science, Geography, History, RPE, and all languages. Other subjects may set voluntary homework.
- In KS4 (Years 10&11) and KS5 (Years 12&13), homework will be set regularly for subjects which lead to a qualification.
- Faculties setting homework will organise homework so that students are expected to spend the equivalent of approximately 30 minutes per subject per week in Years 7 to 9 and 45 minutes per subject per week in Years 10 and 11. In KS5 (level 3) subjects, students should study for a minimum of three hours per week outside of lessons. Where subjects are the equivalent of two level 3 qualifications, the extra study time needs to be doubled.
- Teachers will give sufficient lesson time to the setting of homework to ensure students understand what they are expected to do.
- Students are encouraged to seek additional, optional homework from their class teachers to help them pursue further independent study.
- Years 7 to 9 will not be set homework during the holidays, unless there are exceptional circumstances that require it, for example revision for a test or work to catch up.
- Teachers may make holiday enrichment suggestions for students in Years 7 to 9, such as visits to places of interest or subject based reading.
- Class teachers will decide on whether to set homework for Years 10 -13 during the holidays.

- Homework is checked for completion on the due date and, where appropriate, taken in for marking. The teacher may arrange a different date soon after the due date to collect in the work. Homework that is marked will be returned to students within two weeks of the due date.

Responsibility for Homework, Support and Sanctions

It is the responsibility of the student to complete homework on time and hand it in. The exception to this is if a student is absent. Students in Years 7-9 are encouraged to complete homework if they are absent, but it is not compulsory to do so. Students in Years 10 -13 must complete homework within an agreed time if they are absent.

KS3/4

- If a student does not submit his/her homework by the required time, for no good reason (parent/carer note required on the day) the class teacher will set a new date by which it is reasonable that the work should be submitted. Should the student fail to submit the homework by the new date, the teacher will set an end of day detention in the isolation room, and parents/carers will receive a phone call to inform them of this.
- If homework submission continues to be a problem, the student will be required to attend period 7 homework support club for further support. The school will determine the length of time to be spent in homework support club.
- If the homework collected in is not deemed a good effort by the teacher, the student will be required to repeat it.
- Teachers may decide to allow a student to further improve a piece of homework, even if it is a best effort, to allow the opportunity to achieve a higher mark/grade/level.

Additional information for KS5

Students that don't produce homework following a referral may eventually be placed on a contract that is managed by a senior member of staff if other attempts to get them to complete homework are unsuccessful. This monitoring contact will be sent home to parents. If the problem continues, the parents of the student will be invited into to College to discuss their son or daughter's progress. If no effort is made to comply, a student may be asked to leave College.