# Chesterton Community College Homework Policy

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## Aims of Homework at Chesterton Community College

To enable students to challenge their limits by:

- consolidating and practicing the knowledge and skills learnt in lessons
- providing opportunities for retrieval practice and structured revision to support development of long-term memory
- exploring new content, skills or ways of thinking or learning*
- preparing for learning in subsequent lessons ('flipped learning')
- encouraging increasing independence in learning and developing time-management skills

* This could include active learning outside of the classroom setting, visits to local venues.

Homework may also create opportunities for parents and carers to support their children's learning.

## Setting and Recording Homework

- In Year 7, homework in the Autumn term will only be set in English, Maths and Modern Languages. In the spring and summer terms, homework will be set in English, Maths, Modern Languages, Science, and Humanities (Geography, History and RPE).

- In Years 8 and 9 homework will be set in the following subjects: English, Maths, Science, Geography, History, RPE, and Modern Languages. Other subjects may set optional homework.

- In Years 10 and 11, homework will be set regularly for subjects which lead to a qualification.

- In Years 12 and 13, independent guided study 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. At KS5 (level 3) subjects, students should study for a minimum of three hours per week outside of lessons in each subject.

- Teachers will give sufficient lesson time to the setting of homework to ensure students understand what they are expected to do. All homework tasks will be recorded on edulink.

- Teachers may make enrichment suggestions for students in Years 7 to 9, such as visits to places of interest or subject-based reading.

- 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.

- Class teachers will decide on whether to set homework for Years 10-11 during the holidays. Sixth form students will be set independent guided study during the holiday.

- In Years 7-11, homework is checked for completion on the due date and, where appropriate, submitted for marking. Homework that is marked will be returned to students within two weeks of the due date.

- At KS5, teachers will check independent guided study for completion on the due date. Where appropriate, it will be submitted for marking. Independent guided study 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 or independent guided study on time and submit it.

## 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. Students in homework detention may be collected from the Isolation Room and taken to homework club to be supported in completing tasks. 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 a teacher deems a student's homework to be a poor effort, the student will be required to repeat it.

## Additional information for KS5 (Independent guided study)

Students that do not submit their independent guided study on time and to good quality will be referred to their Head of Year. Following a referral, if other support to help them complete independent guided study is unsuccessful, they may be placed on a monitoring contract, managed by a senior member of staff. This monitoring contact will be shared with parents. If the problem continues, the student's parents will be invited into the College to discuss their child's progress. If the student continues to make no effort to complete independent guided study, they may be asked to leave the College.