



**CHESTERTON
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**Chesterton Community College
Homework Policy
2015-18**

Aims of homework at Chesterton

- To help students realise their potential
- To encourage the development of independent study
- To provide opportunities for parents 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 only homework in English and Maths will be set for the first term. In the Spring and Summer terms homework will be set in English, Maths, Science, Modern Languages, and Humanities
- In Years 8&9 homework will be set in the following subjects: English, Maths, Science, Geography, History, RE, and all languages. Other subjects may set voluntary homeworks
- In KS4 (Years 10 and 11), 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. Some homework tasks will extend beyond one week*
- Most faculties, unless timetabling rotation prevents this, will set at least one extended homework per year in Years 7 to 9, lasting generally a maximum of 4 weeks
- For extended homeworks, teachers will, where appropriate, give guidance to students on what they should do each week
- 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
- Teachers will place all homework on Edmodo, either before it is set for students or on the same day
- Teachers will allow a reasonable amount of time to complete homework and will not ask for it to be completed next day, unless there are exceptional circumstances that require it. When this does happen, the homework will be on the website by 4 p.m. If it is not there by 4.00 p.m. students will not be expected to submit it the following day
- 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 and 11 during the holidays

** RE will set homework once a fortnight. Maths and English will set homework lasting approximately 1 hour.or in certain cases two homeworks of 30 minutes a week*

Marking and Assessing Homework

- 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 and 11 must complete homework within an agreed time if they are absent.
- If a student does not submit his/her homework by the required time, for no good reason (parent note required on the day) the class teacher will send an iBehave News Slip to the student's parent and the student will still be expected to submit the work on a new date decided by the teacher. Should the student fail to submit the homework by the new date, the teacher will email Tina Walker who will set the student a School Detention in the isolation room.
- If homework submission continues to be a problem, the student will be required to attend Period 7 Homework Support Club for further support. The College 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