

CHENDERIT SCHOOL HOMEWORK POLICY

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Introduction

At Chenderit, we are committed to supporting our students to become increasingly independent learners, ready for the challenges that KS3, KS4, KS5 and life beyond present. We aim to challenge all our learners intellectually, whatever their level of ability and we want the learning experience to be an enjoyable one. We hope that students will see all work set either at school or at home as integral to their learning. Assimilating, consolidating, preparing and learning material as a course progresses is immensely helpful when it comes to revision for end of year or external exams. Homework also helps young people to develop skills of personal organisation, a sense of responsibility and self-motivation, skills which will underpin students' successes throughout their lives.

Rationale

The PISA study (2014) and research by the Sutton Trust (2011) both clearly show that individuals who complete homework perform better than their peers who do not. The research also shows that a variety of specific tasks which relate to learning during normal school hours are most beneficial in helping students to learn and that they are provided with high quality feedback on their work. Research (Jeynes 2005) has also shown that the academic achievement of children whose parents were highly involved in their education was substantially higher than that of their counterparts whose parents were less involved. High parental expectations have a particularly significant impact.

Role of the student

- To keep a copy of the homework timetable in a prominent place at home
- To listen carefully to instructions regarding homework
- To refer to Show my Homework about set work and deadlines
- When a lesson has been missed through absence look at Show my Homework for set work and talk to their teacher if they have any questions about their homework
- To attempt all work, completing it to the best of their ability

- To plan and organise their work effectively to enable students to participate in other aspects of life fully
- To ensure that care is taken over the presentation of work which must be presented clearly and neatly, writing “homework” in the margin at the start of their work and recording the minutes spent on the homework task below.
- To seek help from parents, peers or the class teacher **before the deadline** if additional support is needed
- To communicate with parents around the tasks set and the feedback given

Role of the parent

- To support the completion of homework and consulting Show my Homework
- To encourage their children to develop regular habits in completing homework and organising their time efficiently
- To identify a suitable quiet place where homework can be done without distraction
- To encourage their child to attend homework club (run from Tuesday to Friday each week) if they find working at home more challenging
- To discuss tasks with their children to help them to formulate their ideas
- To encourage the checking of spelling, grammar and punctuation on completion of a piece of homework
- To engage discussion about the homework after its completion to enable young people to articulate and remember their learning
- To contact the class teacher if there are any issues with homework
- To encourage wider reading/ thinking around the topics covered e.g. discuss items in the news

Role of the teacher

- To consistently set homework following the school policy and according to the homework timetable
- To provide clear instructions and deadlines for each task on Show my Homework and to set homework at the start of the lesson wherever possible to allow time for questions.
- To ensure that homework consolidates learning or prepares students for future learning which links with class work and to ensure that students understand the purpose of each task
- To ensure that homework tasks provide intellectual challenge for all students regardless of their level of ability and support students in making progress with their learning
- To share clear success criteria with students, including how the homework should be presented
- To provide high quality, effective and meaningful feedback to students through a variety of means
- To develop revision skills by setting short learning homeworks, providing clear revision lists and teaching students how to revise
- To praise progress made by students as a result of their homework
- To ensure that homework is completed by all students and that where this is not the case ensure an appropriate sanction is put into place
- To suggest any useful resources and to upload these to Show my Homework, where appropriate

Role of the Head of Department

- To ensure that schemes of work clearly identify the progression of learning and skills in each unit of work and across each year
- To ensure that appropriate, varied homework activities are set by all staff which link with class learning and lead to progress
- To monitor homework to ensure that there is consistency among staff in setting homework
- To monitor the quality of feedback given to students to ensure that it helps students to make good progress
- To ensure that students who do not do their homework properly are sanctioned as per the school policy
- To ensure that appropriate support is available to students to enable them to complete their homework

Role of the Tutor

- To liaise with teachers around any parental communication in the planner
- To liaise with parents/carers if a student has not completed or handed in homeworks and the tutor believes more support may be required
- To liaise with teachers where a student is experiencing repeated difficulties with homework in that subject
- To develop students skills in revising through the tutorial programme
- To have an overview of tutees' use of Show my Homework and liaise with Natalie Dale if support is needed

Role of the Head of Learning

- To monitor the quality and consistency of homework tasks set across the year team □ To monitor the completion of homework tasks by individuals and groups of students
- To work with students and their families to facilitate homework completion where necessary
- To feedback to the curriculum team on homework issues for their year group
- To ensure revision skills are taught in each year through the tutorial programme

Role of the Leadership Team

- To review the homework policy annually
- To promote the importance of homework across the school and with parents
- To monitor the regularity and quality of homework set and feedback given across departments, through line management, work scrutiny, departmental reviews and student voice.