

Holy Trinity Catholic School

Homework policy (updated May 2023)

Homework should make a valuable contribution to the education and development of children. The purpose of homework at Holy Trinity is to ultimately, raise the standard of achievement. It will provide opportunities for students to work independently and to take responsibility for organising their work, building on the school wide progress made in using Microsoft Teams (and other online platforms) during the Covid 19 pandemic. It will help students recognise the link between good study habits and higher standards of achievement with the aim of developing good study habits for future destinations.

Homework can be used to ensure that students have understood class work; consolidating or extending work covered in school. In some cases it may be used to prepare for future lessons.

It will also allow more extensive coverage of the curriculum, through integrated planning of class work and homework while also helping parents understand what their children are learning in school and to encourage them to participate in that learning.

Each faculty is responsible for adhering to the whole school Homework Policy and practice. Teachers should:

- **In subjects with 3+ hours per week, set one piece of homework weekly. In lessons taught less frequently, either every two or three weeks at the discretion of the Head of Faculty**
- **Plan homework as an integral part of the curriculum. Homework should be referred to and relevant within the lesson it is due for completion.**
- **Set homework online via Microsoft Teams (or other online platforms such as Mathswatch)**
- **Set tasks that can be completed within the allocated time and that are as far as possible matched to the abilities of students in the group. Learning tasks that then feed into low stakes testing in class are also recommended as effective homework.**
- **Position the setting of homework so that it is set within the context of the topic being studied or as a review of previous topics covered.**
- **Ensure that homework is monitored.**
- **Make sure that students understand what the homework is and that they record it correctly in their diaries, at the end of the lesson.**
- **Give a reasonable time for its completion (normally 3-5 days).**

Homework should be discussed with parents at Parents' Evenings and also forms part of the organisations strand in data captures. All students will have a homework diary, which will be monitored weekly by Form Tutors. Heads of Year and relevant SLT links will check that planners are being used effectively through regular standards checks. Heads of Departments will monitor homework and effective practice will be shared at Departmental Meetings.

Following a homework review by all faculties in Jan 2023 the following was agreed;

- Faculty leaders now have the autonomy to introduce their own homework sanctions Eg Detentions, phone calls home, meeting with HOF etc.
- H1 is now reinstated on Bromcom. This is used by all staff to log missed homework. HO will no longer be used. This means pupils will once again lose points for failure to complete homework.
- BFLs are added for a good attempt at a homework and more if the homework is of a high quality. Images of any exemplary pieces of homework to be sent to CHE to add to the website
- We are reviewing planners for next year and possibly looking at an online homework platform.