

# Homework Expectations

**At the Young Women's Hub, the purpose of homework for students is, to:**

- Develop independent learning skills
- Prepare students for subsequent lessons/assessments/tests
- Permit more rapid progress to be made by everyone
- Promote quiet reflection on the work covered in the lesson.
- Prepare younger students for the demands of independent study and controlled assessments higher up the school and beyond
- Consolidate what is being learnt in lessons
- Enable students to learn through the practice of skills acquired in the classroom
- Encourage students to enjoy the skills, concepts and experiences related to each subject

**Staff will achieve this by providing consistency in the following standards:**

- Regular and relevant homework that links to current learning
- Full and comprehensive instructions, followed by help and support, if required
- Mark and return all homework (sign, peer assess, self-assess, level/grade or written feedback)
- High expectations in presentation, quality and quantity of students' work
- Liaise with tutor, head of school and parents when problems arise

**Homework tasks can take a variety of forms, including:**

- Researching (extended projects set over a longer period or resource gathering in preparation for future lessons)
- Learning (vocabulary, spellings, facts)
- Extensions tasks that deepen the learning in the lesson
- Writing assignment (drafting)
- Reading
- Practicing (presentations, newly acquired skills, examination questions)

Tutors will try to set a range of different types and styles of task because students learn in different ways, and they find variety more interesting and motivating.

If a set homework task requires students to use ICT to complete it, and they do not have access to a computer at home, they are encouraged to take advantage of the use of the school's ICT facilities at lunchtime or after school.

### **How much, and how often will homework be set?**

It is impossible to specify the exact amount and frequency of the homework that will set, as tutors need to be flexible in responding to the needs of their classes.

As a guide, homework is given once a week in core subjects English and Maths.

There may be other homework given at other times during the week set by other subjects.

### **How is homework set?**

All students at the Young Women's Hub are provided with a planner, which they should use to record homework. It is the responsibility of the student to record their homework in the planner. Clear instructions will be given by the tutor, including:

- Details of the task (on a separate sheet, if appropriate)
- Date the homework is due in (homework is not set for the next lesson unless this allows a reasonable timescale for completion of the work)
- Guide time (how long the students is expected to spend on homework)

### **How can home help?**

Parents and carers can assist by:

- Providing a quiet place to work
- Encouraging children to complete homework tasks to the best of their ability
- Signing planners each week (signing the planner should be signed on a Thursday evening ready for checks on a Friday morning)
- Informing school about any problems (through planner or contacting the school directing)