

Holmer Green Senior School Homework Guidance - 2017

At HGSS we use homework to...

- ...foster independent study
- ...support students' academic outcomes
- ...deepen understanding and consolidate learning
- ...prepare students for work and study to come
- ...aid students in meeting subject area end game objectives
- ...appropriately challenge students regardless of 'age-stage'

Allocation of homework:

(Stakeholders: SLT, LADs, Subject Leaders, Form Tutors, Classroom teachers, Learning Support Assistants, Students, Parents/Carers)

Classroom teachers are to set homework tasks using the '**non-negotiables**' below:

- All homework tasks set are recorded on Show My Homework and in student planners
- Students receive homework that is appropriate and meaningful
- There should be no distinction in the amount of homework set for different classes (e.g. W and N)
- Homework tasks should be differentiated accordingly
- Students should receive at least a week to complete the task set
- Homework tasks are to be set at the beginning of a lesson
- Students' should receive feedback/marking within two weeks of the work being handed in
- Staff will sanction Students according to the BfL policy if homework is incomplete

Students will be allocated homework according to the following:

- Subjects that have two or more timetabled lessons a week will issue one piece of homework per week, per student (e.g. Maths, Science, Humanities, Language, Technology and KS4/5 Optional classes)
- Students in Year 7 and 8 will receive one piece of English homework a week, as well as a reading and spelling task
- Subjects that have one timetabled lesson a week will issue one piece of homework per fortnight, per student (e.g. Drama, Music, R.S.)
- There will be **no** homework set during core P.E. lessons

Students should expect homework to last the following duration

- Year 7 and 8 students: 30-60 minutes per subject, per week.
- Year 9-11 students: 60-90 minutes per subject, per week
- Year 12-13 students: 5 hours per subject, per week.

Absent Students:

(Stakeholders: SLT, LADs, Subject Leaders, Form Tutors, Classroom teachers, Learning Support Assistants, Students, Parents/Carers)

Due to the weekly deadlines set and the publication of homework on Show My Homework, staff at HGSS will expect students absent at the time of the initial homework allocation to complete the task set as with the rest of the class.

Exceptions to this expectation:

- Students have missed crucial initial learning – to be determined by staff
- Students have missed a period of school equal to three days in total

Monitoring of homework allocation:

(Stakeholders: SLT, LADs, subject leaders, form tutors, classroom teachers, students, parents/carers)

- Subject teachers set homework and record tasks on Show My Homework platform
- HOFs/HODs monitor the % allocation for each member of their team
- Issues with homework allocation trigger the monitoring framework outlined below

Monitoring the quality of homework set:

(Stakeholders: SLT, LADs, subject leaders, form tutors, classroom teachers, students, parents/carers)

- Through MER learning walks (HOD/HOF and SLT/LADs).
- Through MER book scrutiny (HOD/HOF and SLT/LADs).
- Through discussion at Department/Faculty meetings – 'Homework' to be a standing item
- Through discussion with students (Student Commission)
- Through communication with parents/carers

Monitoring of non-completion

(Stakeholders: SLT, LADs, subject leaders, form tutors, classroom teachers, students, parents/carers)

- Teachers are to monitor the completion of homework, recording any failure to do so using the steps below
- Teachers are to set green detentions to students if homework is not completed or not of the required standard. Details of the detention will be logged on SIMS
- HODs/HOFs to monitor sanction route through subject area meetings
- AW to produce weekly homework detention report to share with LADs
- LADs to share report with subject leaders
- Subject leaders to share with staff

Sharing homework success

(Stakeholders: SLT, LADs, subject leaders, form tutors, classroom teachers, Students, parents/carers)

- Whole school/department Twitter accounts to be used to share excellent homework
- Whole school display – 'Going Beyond Our Best' to be used to share excellent homework
- WordPress blog used to share excellent homework – linked to school website

Allocation Monitoring Structure

