



Witchford Village College
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Aims of Homework at Witchford Village College

- To help students realise their potential.
- To encourage the development of independent study.
- To support and develop literacy across all subjects.
- To provide opportunities for parents/carers to support the learning of their children.

Setting and Recording Homework

- Teachers will set homework that meets the needs of students of all abilities.
- In **Year 7**, homework will be set as follows:
Christmas Term: English, Maths, Science and Modern Languages.
Spring/Summer Term: English, Maths, Modern Languages, Science and Humanities.
- In **Year 8**, homework will be set as follows:
English, Maths, Modern Languages, Science and Humanities
- In **Year 9**, homework will be set as follows:
Christmas Term: English, Maths, Modern Languages, Science and Humanities
Spring/Summer Term: English, Maths, Modern Languages, Science, Humanities and Art.
- In **KS4 (Years 10&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.
- Work set will be designated as Mastery, which is the compulsory element and extension, which is an additional optional task to encourage students to complete further study,
- Teachers will give sufficient lesson time to homework to ensure students understand what they are expected to do.
- 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 suggest holiday enrichment activities for students in Years 7 to 9, such as visits to places of interest or subject-based reading.
- Class teachers will decide whether to set homework for Years 10 & 11 during the holidays.
- Homework for all year groups and all subjects will be **set weekly on Monday** via Microsoft Teams.

- Homework is **due to be completed by Sunday evening** and checked for completion by teachers during the subsequent week. The teacher may arrange a different date soon after the due date if work is to be collected in.

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 -11 must complete homework within an agreed time if they are absent.

KS3/4

- If a student does not submit their homework by the required time, the class teacher will record this on Edulink. This logging communicates that the homework has not been submitted on time to parents.
- These homework logs are analysed centrally and can lead to ‘homework’ detentions which are sat in homework club.
- If homework submission continues to be a problem, the student may be required to attend period 7 homework support club for further support. The school 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 teacher will log this in the same way as a task that has not been submitted on time.
- 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.

Feedback

- Students will receive feedback in a variety of means dependent on the subject. The feedback may be instantaneous and automated as part of the homework platform. Alternatively, the feedback may be given verbally to students in class.