

Lathom High School Homework Policy

Rationale

Homework is work that is set to be done outside the timetabled curriculum. It contains an element of independent study in that it is not usually directly supervised by a teacher. It is important for raising student achievement. Homework enhances student learning, improves achievement and develops study skills and as such is an integral part of the curriculum. It requires careful planning and integration into the scheme of work of each curriculum area.

Expectations: How much and by whom?

The amount of homework set depends on how often students have that subject. How often and how much homework is set is devised at the start of the academic year to avoid clashes and to ensure students' workloads are manageable. Students also have access to the after school HUB facility in our Library which provides students the opportunity for independent study. It is a fantastic facility which is extremely well resourced with computers and reading material to support them with their homework. Refreshments are available and staff are available to offer any assistance that they may need. Late buses are provided to encourage students to attend this facility.

When will homework be set?

This is decided by each departmental area:

- English will set a minimum of 1 homework a week, 1 hour in KS3 and 2 hours in KS4
- Maths will set a minimum of 1 homework a week, 1 hour in KS3 and 2 hours in KS4
- Science will set a minimum of 1 homework a week, 30 minutes in KS3 and 1 hour in KS4
- Design & Technology will set a minimum of 1 homework a week, 30 minutes in KS3 and 1 hour in KS4
- History will set a minimum of 1 homework a week in KS3 for 30 minutes and 1 homework a week for 1 hour in KS4 (option)
- Geography will set a minimum of 1 homework a week in KS3 for 30 minutes and 1 homework a week for 1 hour in KS4 (option)
- ICT will set a minimum of 1 homework a week in KS3 for 30 minutes and 1 homework a week for 1 hour in KS4 (option)
- MFL will set a minimum of 1 homework a week, 30 minutes in KS3 and 1 hour in KS4
- PE will set a minimum of 1 homework a week for 1 hour in KS4 (option)
- Creative Arts will set homework every other lesson, 30 minutes, in KS3 and 1 hour a week in KS4 (option)
- RE will set homework every other lesson, 30 minutes in KS3 and 1 hour in KS4.

Monitoring and evaluation

As a school, we recognise the value of homework and the positive effect it has on learning and building student resilience. Students are expected to keep a homework diary to record all the homework set. Tutors must and parents are requested to check and sign the homework diary weekly.

Sanctions and procedures

When homework is not completed, teachers should initially support the student and ensure the tasks set meet the student's needs. If this is so, then sanctions should be used. The sanctions are as follows:

- a) Class teacher to inform parents and hold detention (break, lunch time or after school)
- b) Class teacher to refer persistent concerns to Curriculum/Subject Leader – Curriculum/Subject Leader to inform parents and hold detention (break, lunch time or after school)
- c) Curriculum/Subject Leader to discuss issues and next steps with departmental SLT Line Manager

Tutor

Identify students with homework problems across several curriculum areas and refer to Head of House.

Head of House

Meet with student and parent/carer in the case of a persistent concerns across curriculum areas and apply appropriate sanctions.

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