

Magdalen College School

Homework

Underlying principles

At MCS we aim to provide an Exceptional Education for All. This underpins all aspects of Teaching and Learning of which Homework is part. Homework is set to consolidate, reinforce and practise the learning in class and to develop good study habits to ensure all students can become successful learners.

Homework can take many forms in practice. This could include:

- Learning / Memorisation: facts, information, quotations, formulae, new vocabulary
- Reading: around a subject; to prepare for a future lesson, to improve your understanding
- Correcting, practising and learning spellings identified in written tasks
- Reviewing, redrafting and improving a sentence, paragraph or section of a task
- Practising skills or activities: solving equations in Maths, or developing your accuracy in Art
- Reflecting on your learning: making corrections, setting targets for improvement, writing summary notes or creating a revision resource
- Online learning activities: quick quizzes or games to embed learning, short research tasks
- Watching video or film clips, listening to recordings of music
- Solving an extended problem using learning and skills from your lessons
- Organising notes and other learning resources to aid revision

Responsibility of the School

- To promote the development of personal study and consolidation of learning that build and embeds student knowledge and schema.
- To support and structure the acquisition and recall of knowledge as students move through the school
- To ensure that homework is accessible to all, has a positive impact on students' progress and achievement and consolidates learning
- To facilitate sharing of best practice

Responsibility of the Teacher

- To plan, devise and set homework tasks for students to complete that meet the aims of homework as consolidation, reinforcement, and practise; and to record these on Go4Schools
- To ensure homework is set with a reasonable time expectation and deadline
- To ensure that homework is accessible to all, has a positive impact on students' progress and achievement and consolidates learning
- To hold students to account for the completion of the set homework tasks, using the behaviour policy, and to support parents and form tutors as necessary

Responsibility of the student

- To try their best to complete all set homework to the best of their ability and on time
- To work hard and aim for excellence
- To demonstrate their awareness of the link between homework and making the most of their learning in and from lessons
- To take responsibility for accessing and completion of their homework and to contact the teacher promptly if issues occur

Responsibility of the parent/guardian

- To support the student to engage with their homework by using Go4Schools to monitor completion
- To provide a safe learning space for homework
- To promote a homework routine at home