

Hummersknott Academy



30 - Homework Policy

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Hummersknott Academy Trust incorporates Hummersknott Academy and Skerne Park Academy and unless otherwise stated this policy applies to all Academies equally. This policy relates to Hummersknott Academy only.

PURPOSE

The Academy recognises the importance and value of homework. Students should expect regular homework to be set in each subject. The purpose of homework is to encourage and develop independent learning and reinforce knowledge and skills. It is also important in providing an opportunity for the involvement of parents in their child's education. It should be seen as an entitlement for all students.

SCOPE

Year 7

When students first enter the Academy in year 7 no homework will be set for the first two weeks, but within form mentor groups and teaching sets the importance of homework and the expectations should be clearly explained. Homework timetables need to be established and explained. From week three homework should be set. Those students not meeting expectations at this early stage should have their parents contacted and meetings arranged so that the importance of homework is made clear.

All Year Groups

- During the first weeks of a new academic year the purpose, importance, expectations and standards required should be reinforced. Homework must be recorded in student planners. The homework task should not be dictated but either written on a board or projected onto it or given on a worksheet
- Students must be given time to record accurately, in their planners, the work set and be given opportunity for clarification of the task. This, as well as being important for the student, will aid parents in being able to support their children with completion of homework
- Details of all homework set should be placed on the Staff and Student portal VLE in order that it can be accessed from home by students and parents
- Homework set should be an integral part of the student curriculum, it should not be copying, finishing off work that should have been completed within the lesson (students who have failed to complete work they should have done within the lesson are expected to catch up in addition to the homework), or bolt on exercises but should be a discrete and planned piece of work. In Year 7 this should be in line with the homework booklet
- The criteria by which the work will be assessed should be shared with the students and placed on the HLG
- The work should be of an appropriate length and the number set is proportionate to the number of lessons per timetable cycle. For years 7, 8 & 9 each piece should take no longer than 30 minutes and for years 10 & 11 no longer than 45 minutes. **It should not exceed an hour per subject in the course of a week**
- Homework should be collected in when a lesson takes place; this allows an immediate check of who has met expectations
- There should be a gap of at least two nights between the homework being set and the date of its completion
- Students who meet deadlines and complete homework should be rewarded with reward points/Vivos
- Where students fail to meet expectations then the following incremental procedures should be adopted:-
 - In the first instance of a failure to produce homework or complete to a satisfactory standard give the student a time extension making clear that this is last chance
 - If homework is still not produced or the problem persists arrange a catch up time
 - The head of faculty should be informed, parents contacted and detentions arranged
- Heads of Faculty/Department should monitor the setting and quality of homework on regular basis at least once each half term and take appropriate action taken to address weaknesses.

This policy links with values 1 Academic Excellence, 3 - Nothing but the best for all, 4 – Taking responsibility and 5 Foundation for future success of Hummersknott Academy Trust's Vision and Values.

RESPONSIBILITY

This policy will be reviewed and updated where necessary by the Vice Principal Teaching and Standards, and approved for adoption by Local Governing Body Curriculum and Standards Committee.

PUBLICISING THE POLICY

A copy of this policy will be available on the Academy's website and the X-Drive/intranet. Staff will be advised of amendments to this policy via the Staff Bulletin and are expected to familiarise themselves with the content.

POLICY STATUS

This is a non-statutory policy.