



Homework Policy

Homework is integral to the development of independent learning skills for all students at Hove Park School. It provides the opportunity to consolidate and extend learning beyond the classroom, whilst supporting students to make progress and provide opportunities to raise achievement. Combined with our digital ecosystem it allows for 'anytime learning' to challenge and engage our students in 21st Century education and to prepare them for the future. For our students to be successful it is essential that their teachers, parents and carers are able to encourage and support them to create a love of learning through dedication and hard work inside the classroom, at school and at home.

Homework is set by our teachers to be independent study outside of our timetabled curriculum. By default, a large element of homework will not be in direct contact with teachers. We can however make provision for our students to attend subject study clubs after school and acknowledge that for some, homework may not be completed at home. The tasks set will consolidate and reinforce skills that have been developed in lessons. Our digital support will encourage students to investigate topics in depth and open up new areas of study.

Homework will provide essential feedback for the teacher and student to check progress. It will allow students to gain self-confidence, initiative and self awareness of the subjects they study. Teachers set challenging homework, in line with the school policy and as appropriate for the age and stage of pupils. Homework consolidates learning, deepens understanding and prepares pupils accordingly for future study.

Implementation through HPS Digital, digital resources and non-digital resources.

HPS Digital

Our teachers set homework through HPS Digital. Students use the Firefly App as part of HPS Digital. HPS Digital has a parent portal via the school website where each parent will have an individual login. All three areas of HPS Digital (Student Firefly app, Teacher Firefly app and the Parent Portal) will allow the opportunity to share in students learning and track the progress they are making.

Students and parents will receive notification of homework tasks through HPS Digital and notifications will include a brief description and due date and access to resources if needed via iTunesU.

Parents will be able to monitor the completion of the task via students taking responsibility to 'Mark as done' in the task itself through 'Send a response to your teacher' on their Firefly app.

Not all homework set will need to be completed on the iPad. Many tasks will still require students to write out their homework tasks - for instance in a homework book, reading tasks or even making a model but most tasks will require the iPad as part or all of the homework workflow.

Notifications about these sorts of homework will still be made via HPS Digital for all parents and students to view.

iTunes U & Showbie

iTunes U is a file sharing resource platform accessible through the app on iPad. We have over 200 courses available from subject departments that are made by our teachers. As iTunes U supports anytime learning whether in school or at home it is likely that students will at times use iTunes U for resources to support homework. When a course is due to be used subject departments will issue students with an enrol code to gain access. The courses will include a scheme of work that follows

the teaching syllabus as well as resources such as documents, files, videos, websites, apps and homework tasks.

Showbie is also a platform that allows the class teacher to disseminate resources and materials for use in class and at home. Students will have a class code supplied by their teacher to enable access to their class.

Homework Tasks

Homework should include tasks that are stimulating, varied, challenging and differentiated to meet the needs of all students and which supports the learning that is required for each subject. Tasks may include:

- consolidation of classwork
- revision
- learning keywords and new vocabulary
- extended writing
- reading
- extended projects in some subjects
- preparation for GCSE Controlled Assessments and Bacc tasks including “Catch Up” clubs
- research which may be written, practical or oral
- general revision

If a project based homework, the work will be published in advance on HPS Digital with clear deadlines and success criteria.

Year	Core	Other
7	30 mins weekly	30 mins fortnightly
8	40 mins weekly	40 mins fortnightly
9	50 mins weekly	50 mins fortnightly
10	60 mins weekly	60 mins fortnightly
11	60 mins weekly	60 mins fortnightly
12	4 hours per subject per week	
13	4 hours per subject per week	

Key Stage 5

All students in the Sixth Form following AS and A2 courses can expect an average of 4 hours of independent study per subject per week. For Level 2 courses, students will be expected to complete a minimum of 2 hours of independent study per subject per week.

Monitoring and Evaluation

Homework provides an ideal opportunity for a focussed dialogue between student and teacher. Students value formative feedback which not only comments on the work that they have done, but also tells them what to do to improve and work towards their next grade. It is expected that homework is regularly and promptly marked in line with the school marking policy by subject teachers, although not all homework set will require rigorous marking. Completion of homework will form part of the independent learning grade on students' reports home to parents/carers.

Responsibilities

The Student is responsible for completing the homework. Students need to ensure they understand the homework task and seek clarification when needed. Students should complete the task set to the best of their abilities and return the work on time. If homework is not completed and handed in on time, a subject detention will be issued to students and parents will be notified. Failure to attend the H1 subject detention will result in a Head of Department H2 detention. Should any student fail to attend both these sanctions a Senior Detention SD1 will be issued.

The Subject Teacher is responsible for ensuring that homework challenges students, but students should be able to complete the tasks successfully. Some homework will vary from student to student to match their particular needs. Homework should be clearly integrated into the lesson or topic they are studying. Teachers are also responsible for providing feedback on homework in line with the school marking policy. Subject teachers will also liaise with parents/carers where necessary. Where deadlines are not met [excluding extenuating circumstances] a H1 detention will be issued.

Middle Leaders and Heads of Department are responsible for the monitoring of homework set by their team, marking, feedback and follow-up for students who do not complete tasks or attend a H1 detention. Follow-up includes liaising with the subject teacher, the student concerned, a HOD H2 detention as well as parents/carers. Departments are also responsible for offering after school catch up sessions and homework clubs at both Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4.

Parents' Involvement in Homework

Hove Park School greatly appreciates the supportive role that parents/carers play in their child's homework.

Successful homework can be achieved together by:

- Encouraging and praising effort and achievement.
- Monitoring homework received through HPS Digital.
- Encouraging attendance at after school and holiday catch up.
- Providing a suitable area for students to do homework.
- Communicating with the school to discuss any problems.

Rewards

Homework of a high standard will be rewarded in a variety of ways including; house points, positive communication home and showcasing exemplar work.

Facilities to Support Students

The school provides opportunities for students to learn beyond the end of the school day to

complete set homework, enabling access to the learning resources in the library and after school catch up sessions for each subject area. A timetable of support sessions for homework across the school is available on our website. The libraries on both the Valley and Nevill campus are open before school, at lunchtime and after school Monday to Friday

Catch up / Homework Clubs

Nevill Campus

MONDAY A	TUESDAY A	WEDNESDAY A	THURSDAY A	FRIDAY A
Maths N101	MFL	English	Science	Music/Drama
			History/Geog	

MONDAY B	TUESDAY B	WEDNESDAY B	THURSDAY B	FRIDAY B
Maths N101		English	Science	

Valley Campus

MONDAY A	TUESDAY A	WEDNESDAY A	THURSDAY A	FRIDAY A
Maths	MFL	English	Science	Music/Drama
			History/Geog	

MONDAY B	TUESDAY B	WEDNESDAY B	THURSDAY B	FRIDAY B
Maths		English	Science	