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POLICY – Homework Policy

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Homework Policy

"Homework is not an optional extra, but an essential part of a good education"

Introduction

The following policy is designed to ensure consistency across the school in terms of homework setting and marking. This policy aims to ensure that students are given the opportunity to develop specific skills, knowledge and understanding outside the classroom, without overburdening students or our teachers with homework and marking respectively. Learning at home is an essential part of good education. Regular homework is important, since it establishes good study habits and supplements and reinforces work done in school. It helps students to become confident and independent in their learning, which will help throughout their time at school, and in adult life. Indeed, The Education Endowment Fund underlines in its research how the regular setting of meaningful homework can result in additional progress for secondary pupils (+5 months.) At Jack Hunt School, we recognise that homework plays an integral role in the education of our pupils. It enhances learning, improves attainment, develops organisational skills and promotes independent learning. Homework reinforces the educational process and supports good habits that are essential for examination success and lifelong learning.

Why is homework important?

If a student completes an hour's homework per school night for five years, it is the equivalent of an extra school year. In addition, the purposes of our homework programme are:

- To provide opportunities to support and reinforce learning.
- To allow for practice and consolidation of work done in class.
- To prepare for future assessment.
- To provide further formative assessment opportunities.
- To provide training for students in planning and time management.
- To encourage students to take some responsibility for their learning.
- To develop good study habits and routines.
- To provide opportunities for enrichment of work done in school.
- To provide opportunities for individualised effort and initiative.
- To strengthen school-home links by encouraging parental encouragement and engagement with all our students

- To develop literacy and spelling.

Our homework programme also allows our specialised teachers to:

- Check that students have understood work completed in class.
- Assess students' attainment ahead of reviews and examination entry.

Provision

- Our teachers must provide clear deadlines for completion on the day the homework is set.
- Homework will be set on Edulink (our learning platform) Our teachers must update the status of homework on Edulink and state whether homework has been submitted or not submitted on the date it is due to support students.
- Homework must be planned for as an integral part of student learning. At Jack Hunt Academy, we expect this to focus on knowledge retrieval and independent practice to support student achievement and increase pupil confidence.
- Feedback should be provided to students and may take the form of a raw score, individual feedback or whole class feedback. Teachers may use computer programmes for homework that provides its own immediate individual feedback.

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- Wherever possible, students should be given homework on a consistent day each week by their subject teacher, so that they can plan their time accordingly. Students should be given several days to complete the homework.
- In Year 7, students are introduced to homework gradually, beginning with Core subjects and MyWorld in the Autumn term, before introducing other subjects.
- In Years 8-13, homework is provided by all subjects but will vary in its frequency.
- We aim to reduce the number of different websites and logins that students need to access their homework on, particularly in KS3 to avoid confusion.
- We recognize that not all our students have access to technology at home. We therefore provide a range of daily clubs which students can use to access computers and the internet to complete their homework. This means that access to technology doesn't remain a barrier for completion of homework.

Facilities and Resources

At Jack Hunt Academy we will, in addition to our remote learning platforms, provide a learning resources area including library facilities during the school day and after school so that students can access resources and suitable conditions for completing their homework tasks.

There are regular lunchtime clubs that support students to complete homework, both for those who wish to complete homework at school or don't have access to technology at home. There are also some subject specific homework clubs at lunchtime for those who need specialist support.

Homework is set and monitored on Edulink. Students are encouraged to write their homework in their study planner as well.

Responsibilities

The student is responsible for:

- **Checking homework on Edulink**
- **Recording the completion deadline.**
- **Completing the work set to the best of their ability.**
- **Submitting the completed work on time.**
- **Communicating with their subject teacher if there is an issue with their homework ahead of the deadline.**

The parent is responsible for:

- **Providing a suitable place for their son/daughter to complete their homework.**
- **Checking Edulink to see what homework is set.**
- **Encouraging the student to complete the homework on time.**
- **Contacting the School via the tutor or subject teacher if there are any concerns.**

The teacher is responsible for:

- **Setting regular and appropriate homework for the individual student according to the Jack Hunt Academy homework policy**
- **Communicating verbally with students about the homework and deadline**
- **Ensuring that homework receives appropriate, timely feedback.**

- **Adapting homework to support the needs to individual students if necessary and in agreement with the SENCO**
- **Marking whether homework has been completed or not completed on Edulink**
- **Taking appropriate action to sanction students who fail to complete homework or it is completed below expectation including negative points, detentions and, possibly, contacting parents if persistent.**
- **Promoting the homework clubs and library facilities to help support students.**

Non-conformance:

The Homework Policy requires all students to complete the mandatory homework tasks set. Students can receive a same day detention if their homework has not been completed to the expected standard by the set deadline. Persistent non-completion of homework, without appropriate reason, may receive further sanctions from the Year team.