

HOMework POLICY

Parents/Guardians have an important supervisory role in ensuring that homework is carried out regularly and without distraction. Parents are asked to provide a quiet setting for students to complete assignments and revision work.

STUDY AND HOMEWORK

Homework: Homework is any work given to you by a teacher to do at home. It will involve learning and/or writing. Homework is not optional and will be corrected or examined by the teacher.

Study: Study is work you do yourself at home. It might be revision (looking back) or preparation (looking forward). It may not be examined or corrected by a teacher the following day. Study is more demanding because it is optional and requires self discipline. The benefits may not be obvious until you do your exams. Study is a habit which must be learned and practised. Like everything else, the more you practice it the easier it becomes – believe it or not!

Times: Minimum recommended time per day

1 st years	-	1 ½ hours
2 nd years	-	2 hours
3 rd years	-	2 ½ hours
4 th years	-	2 ½ hours
5 th years	-	2 ½ hours
6 th years	-	3 hours

Place of Study: It is recommended that students study in a suitable place with

- table or some level work surface
- heat
- good solid chair
- quiet environment

PLANNING

Successful students organise and plan their time in order to get a balance of time for study and relaxation. They work to some form of timetable and have a set time to start homework every day.

Students never have 'no homework'. Homework consists not just of written work but also:

Reading

Learning

Revision

Research

Examination Preparation

Students following the Transition Year option are expected to adhere to deadlines for the completion of projects and work assigned by teachers.

USE OF SCHOOL JOURNAL

It is essential that each student has his/her school journal in class at all times. All homework assignments should be entered into the journal at the end of each class. This journal is not a personal diary.

Parents of first and second years are requested to check and sign their daughters/sons journal on a daily basis, parents of other year groups on a weekly basis.

Students do well when parents take an interest in their homework. It is the encouragement that makes the difference.