THE RAMSEY ACADEMY, HALSTEAD

HOMEWORK POLICY

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At the Ramsey Academy, we consider homework to be an integral part of the curriculum and a valued part of a balanced education. The work set reinforces, extends, or complements what is taught in the lesson and enables students to take responsibility for their own learning. It is our aim to ensure that students have frequent opportunities to develop and consolidate their competencies as independent learners.

We see homework as an enriching and essential part of the learning process. We have high standards and the expectation is that all homework will be completed to the best of a student's ability and on time.

The purpose of homework is to:

- Encourage students to develop the confidence and self-discipline for independent work, an essential
  skill for adult life
- Consolidate and reinforce skills and understanding
- Enable students to devote time to particular demands such as GCSE or coursework
- Develop research and subject specific skills
- Show progress and understanding
- Enhance study skills e.g. planning, time management and self-discipline
- Promote parental engagement and support

Students' responsibilities are to:

- Check homework tasks and deadlines on Satchel One (Show My Homework)
- Complete homework to the best of their ability
- Ensure that deadlines are kept
- If students are absent, they need to find out what work has been missed and catch up on it
- Inform the subject teacher of any difficulties in advance of deadline where possible.

Form Tutor responsibilities are to:

- To carry out meaningful conversations with students who require additional support with the completion of homework
- Draw to the attention of the relevant subject teacher any students who regularly have difficulties with homework so relevant interventions can be implemented.

Parents' / Carers' responsibilities are to:

- Provide a quiet place to work
- If parents / carers have any concerns about homework, they should contact the teacher or the form tutor
- Check Satchel One (Show My Homework) to be informed about set homework and the completion deadline.

Subject Teachers' responsibilities are to:

- Set homework according to department guidelines
- Use Satchel One (Show My Homework) to set homework
- Set adapted homework where appropriate

- Give full and comprehensive instructions
- Demonstrate proper use of online learning platforms utilised and dedicate time to support access and completion of tasks on these platforms
- Set deadlines for completed work and ensure that they are met by following the support and sanction procedures (Avoid setting deadlines for the next day)
- Take into account any assessments in the school calendar when setting homework to ensure student well- being
- Use peer- & self-assessment, green pen, verbal feedback and/or online tests to ensure the homework is corrected and feedback given where appropriate
- Reward when homework is completed to a high standard
- Inform the Head of department, Tutor and Head of Year, as appropriate, when problems arise.

Head of Faculty/Department's responsibilities are to:

- Ensure that all teachers in their department are setting appropriate homework
- Ensure that all platforms in use are monitored and communications with families offer clarity and support
- Take into account any assessments in the school calendar when setting homework to ensure student well- being
- Incorporate planned homework tasks into the department curriculum plan
- Ensure homework set is proportionate to the curriculum time and considers student workload and wellbeing:

**Suggested expectation is at the careful discretion of the department and variations should be communicated with students and families as appropriate*.

KS3 Subject	**Contact time per fortnight**	**Suggested* Expectation**	**Workload consideration**
English, Maths, Science	6-8 hours	Weekly	Task times can vary; the content must be considered, effective and complement the curriculum.
Geography, History, MFL	4 hours	Fortnightly	
RE, Drama, Music, Computing	2 hours	Half termly	
DT, Food, Art	1 hour	Termly	

KS4 Subject	**Contact time per fortnight**	**Suggested* Expectation**	**Workload consideration**
English, Maths, Science	8-10 hours	Weekly	Balanced and purposeful, with flexibility around exam times both whole school and subject deadlines.
Options subjects	5 hours	Fortnightly	

Homework during exam period:

- During this time, students will only be set homework that is revision based or relevant to exam preparation. However, any student with previous outstanding work will be expected to complete all work this during this period.

Sanctions for forgetting or failing to do homework:

- A student receives a B2 and completes a lunchtime detention
- Students receiving repeated missed homework detentions will be identified by the Head of Department and/or Head of Year to discuss further support.

Individual Needs and SEND

Some students may have their homework adapted by amount, task, or outcome. Rewards and sanctions will still apply but individual needs are taken into account. Parents are encouraged to work with the school and may contact teachers or the SEND Department with specific concerns.

Homework support:

Students should be encouraged to communicate with class teachers to assist with any issues.

Possible types of tasks set (no limited to):

- Self-marking quiz (MS Forms)
- Work in exercise books
- Project work
- Spelling and vocabulary tests
- Research to be utilised in lessons
- Electronic platforms (Seneca, Sparks, GCSEPod