



HOMWORK POLICY

What is the purpose of homework?

At Meopham School, we believe the purpose of homework is to encourage the development of independent thinking of our students as well as embodying our four key values:

Resilience, Resourcefulness, Reflectiveness, and Responsiveness. Homework provides our students opportunities to retain and develop their knowledge and skills.

Why is homework important?

Homework supports the students' learning in the classroom, improves achievement and enables students to develop their study skills; therefore it should form an integral part of the curriculum. It requires careful planning from both Curriculum Leaders and the individual class teachers.

- To encourage students to develop the confidence and self-discipline to become independent learners
- To allow students to retain and develop their knowledge and skills
- To consolidate and develop work covered in curriculum lessons by reinforcing skills and understanding and extending learning e.g. through additional reading and research
- To provide feedback in the evaluation of learning and teaching
- To improve their literacy and problem solving skills
- To develop a personal responsibility for their own learning

How will homework be set?

All homework is set via Google Classroom via class teachers. Where possible, other digital platforms may be used to set a variety of homework tasks also, as well as written tasks.

Key Stage 3

Homework for students in Key Stage 3 will be set using the 'Research it', 'Create it', 'Answer it', 'What if', 'Retrieve it' and 'Go see it' framework. This enables all students to access a wide variety of tasks and opportunities both inside and outside of the classroom as well as allowing them to build their cultural capital. Homework will be set via Google Classroom and the Key Stage 3 homework booklets can also be found on the school website.

Key Stage 4

Homework for students in Key Stage 4 will focus on self regulated learning and retrieval practice; this enables the students to use their long term memories to ensure that learning 'sticks'. Most subjects also use Seneca, a digital learning platform, as well as setting a variety of other tasks. All homework tasks will be posted on Google Classroom.

Key Stage 5

Sixth form students are expected to manage their own time and work independently to manage their own workload. Each subject is expected to set 3-5 hours per week. Homework tasks may include flipped learning, exam retrieval, coursework and independent study.

How will homework be assessed?

A variety of methods of assessment or feedback can be used as and when they are appropriate:

- Self-assessment – pupils mark work themselves in a controlled situation
- Peer-assessment – work is marked by another pupil or a small group of pupils
- Teacher assessment – the teacher marks the work and gives written or verbal feedback

Rewards

All departments are encouraged to reward students who either contribute exceptional work or who consistently meet or surpass the teachers expectations regarding homework. Rewards may be given in the form Meopham House Points, stickers or postcards.

Responsibility of Staff

Homework set by the teacher will be:

- Clearly explained to the students and set on Google Classroom
- Planned as an integral part of the students' learning journey
- Purposeful, meaningful and challenged appropriately for all students
- Set with clear deadlines for completion
- Returned with feedback both verbally and in writing

Responsibility of Parents and Carers

Parents and carers are asked to:

- Support the school in valuing homework, and encouraging their child to complete it to the same level as their classwork
- Ask their child about their homework and the tasks they are being asked to complete
- Speak to the school if their child is not able to complete the work before the due date

Responsibility of Students

All homework tasks will be set using Google Classroom. Students need to ensure they:

- Listen to all instructions relating to the homework that is given in class
- Use Google Classroom for all homework
- Ensure that all homework is attempted and try their best
- Speak to their teachers if they have any difficulties before the homework deadline
- Ensure all homework is completed and submitted on time

The following apps and platforms have been recommended by Swale Academies Trust schools:

Quizzing Tools	Feedback Tools	Online Learning	Subject Specific	Miscellaneous
Educake	Loom	Seneca	Mathswatch	PiXL (Apps)
Google Forms	Mote	GCSEPod	Linguascope	Quizlet
Quizizz	Google Classroom	Oak National Academy	Tassomai	Padlet
Socrative	comment bank	Khan Academy	Bedrock	Canva
Blooket			Massolit	Puzzel
Kahoot			Lexia	Textivate
Carousel Learning			Mr Carter	

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