

Policy: **Homework Policy**

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Homework

At KLA we believe it is vital to ensure that students doing homework on a regular basis that will help them develop important skills. By becoming more independent in their learning they will benefit more from their time in school and ultimately with future careers. Research has also shown that regular quality homework is one of the key drivers to academic achievement.

Students will be expected to:

- Complete homework to a high quality and on time.
- Ensure they spend the expected time on each piece of homework.
- Work with teacher and parents if there are any concerns with the homework.
- Celebrate the homework!

Below is the Homework policy for all staff and the expectation for all teachers with regards to homework.

Homework Policy on a Page for Staff

- Homework to be set in accordance with the schedule.
- Homework should be set that either consolidates prior learning or prepares students for the next lesson/topic.
- Homework should be part of the Scheme of learning for a subject.
- Homework should be :
 - Challenging.
 - Focus on skills – subject specific and exam.
 - Involve a clear deadline.
 - Inform discussions in class.
 - Enable students to learn independently.
- Homework should be handwritten (where possible) and completed in exercise books or homework booklets
- Homework should be assessed for the following (but not necessarily graded) – quality of work; literacy, effort.
- Homework should be rewarded and celebrated.
- Students should strive for the ‘Gold standard’ for homework.
- Homework should be set using ‘Show my homework’.
- Homework expectations and schedules will be shared with parents and students (website).

Homework – information for Parents.

The school will:

- Ensure that students are set homework on a regular basis and in manageable amounts.
- Set task which are suitable and achievable within the time available.
- Provide homework which relates to work being done in school.
- Mark homework and give feedback to students.
- Ensure that homework is at an appropriate level of difficulty for all students.
- Provide suitable facilities for homework task to be carried out at school.

Expectations for homework time:

Year 7 - 8	20 to 30 minutes per piece of homework.
Year 9	40 minutes per piece of homework.
Year 10 – 11	45 minutes to 1 hour per piece of homework.

Key stage 3.

Each KLA student will complete one piece of Maths, English and Science homework every week.

Each KLA student will complete one piece of History, Geography, French and Spanish homework every two weeks.

Each KLA student will complete one piece of RE, Art, Music, Technology and Food homework every three weeks.

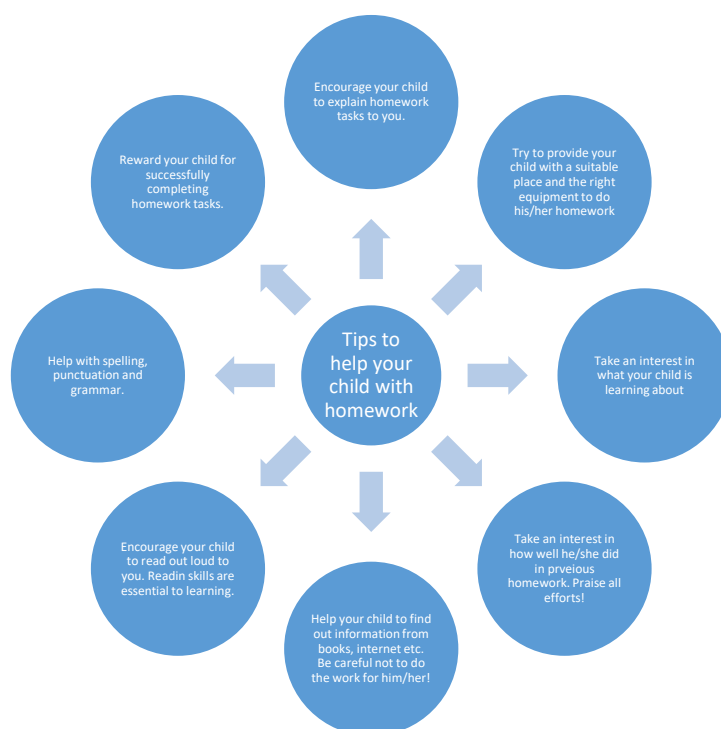
Key stage 4.

Each KLA student will complete one piece of English, Maths and Science homework every week.

Each KLA student will also complete one piece of homework for each of their option subjects every week.

Homework – information for Parents.

Parents can support their children with homework in the ways outlined below. This information is also in the pupil's planner.



Rewarding homework.

When a student gets it right and fully completes a piece of homework on time their class teacher will reward this by recording +2 points on SIMS. If a student consistently gets it right and completes every piece of homework set during a term +6 points will be recorded on SIMS and a letter will be sent home to parents celebrating their great effort.

Homework not completed will be tracked on a weekly basis and a text message / e mail will be sent home. If this persists support will be put in place to help the student access homework tasks more consistently. The intervention will take the form of attendance at homework club sessions held after school. Where a student consistently and wilfully fails to complete homework during a term a letter will be sent home inviting student and parents to attend a meeting with an appropriate member of KLA staff.

Monitoring homework.

Homework will monitored regularly through the following:

- Analysis of data on Show My Homework.
- ALT meeting with Homework lead.
- Student panel for Teaching & Learning.
- Parent group.
- Monitoring of the quality of books through ALT review.