



HOMEWORK: PHILOSOPHY, ETHICS & RELIGION

- Homework is an important part of student's progress, as they learn to work more independently and reinforce the skills they have acquired in the classroom.
- We endorse the school's policy that emphasises the need for homework to be relevant and stimulating as well as the need for it to be regularly marked.
- All homework should be written in homework diaries as well as put on SMH to help students organise themselves and to give parents more opportunity to support their child.
- It is essential that ALL students use SMH.

Year 9

- It is our aim to set homework once a week for 30 minutes.
- Tasks will be set that reinforce work done in class, stretch students learning and encourage them to reflect on what they have done.
- Often these tasks will be written work in their RE books, but it may also be research, art work etc.
- Where possible we will offer the students the chance to choose how to present their work - this may, where appropriate, be in different formats, for example diagrams, bullet points.
- Students will complete two more formal assessments which will be used to help us judge levels that students are working at.
- We understand that different children take different amounts of time to complete the same pieces of work - with this in mind, if a student is struggling to complete work we would ask that a parent/carer signs their book to show that they have completed the allotted amount of time - 30 minutes. *They can always send us a message via SMH.*

GCSE (Years 9 and 10)

- Homework should be set according to the homework timetable - this will involve 3 x 30 minutes every 2 weeks.
- Students are often required to complete GCSE style questions as a way of using material learnt in lessons to practise the skills that will be required in exams.
- It is important that students make use of the work we have done in lessons to help them complete tasks and not simply do it off the 'top of their heads'.
- Other work may include research, drawing up strengths and weaknesses with ideas, offering their own point of view on an issue and watching relevant material on the internet. *All work will be put on SMH.*
- Students will complete end of unit assessments which will use GCSE questions and will be marked in accordance to GCSE levels.
- Students are able to contact us about homework issues via SMH.

AS/A Level

- Independent study is a crucial aspect of studying A Levels and students are expected to dedicate a substantial amount of time to work outside of the classroom.
- Materials will be provided on SMH as well as private study schedules to develop their understanding. This will often be reading or podcasts to stretch and challenge them.
- Students are also encouraged to read through their class notes in between lessons to help cement the work.

- Homework will include reading from their text book and making notes for use for essays, writing essays and completing other relevant written tasks. Homework may also include watching relevant material on the internet to discuss in lessons. *All work will be put on SMH.*

Supporting your child

We strongly recommend that parents and carers take an interest in their child's homework and make use of the SMH facility. We understand that different children take different amounts of time to complete tasks and would suggest that parents monitor the length of time taken so that sufficient time is spent but not an excessive amount of time. *We recognise the importance of family time and for students to attend clubs and other commitments outside of school and encourage all students to speak to their teacher if there are any issues concerning tasks or deadlines.*