

## Homework Policy

### Whole School Rationale

- At Oakwood High School the aim of our homework policy is to encourage pupils to become independent learners who understand the value of revision and studying.
- Our aim is to ensure that homework is relevant, useful and appropriate for all our pupils.
- Right from Y7, our desire is for pupils to be resilient and resourceful with homework.
- We also view homework as a collaboration between pupils, teachers and parents.

### Whole School Principles

- Thinking ahead to GCSEs, homework tasks will provide the opportunity to practise and learn key skills; embed content and enrich pupils' understanding and appreciation of subjects.
- In conjunction with the 5Rs, homework will develop independence and resilience.
- With the exceptions of Core PE, Y7 & 8 Drama and Music and PSHE, all subjects will set regular homework in Years 7-11.
- All homework tasks will be set and tracked on Go4Schools.
- Homework will be used as an opportunity to engage parents/ carers in their child's/children's learning, progress and life at school.
- To make the homework purposeful, all subjects will set their own planned, specific tasks.
- All subjects will state a recommended time to spend on tasks; specify a regular set date and deadline; be clear about the consequences for failing to complete homework or for handing in unsatisfactory homework; take responsibility as a Zone/ subjects for implementing consequences.
- To support pupils with homework, there are extra sessions before and after-school available (hyperlink), plus there are secure, quiet places to complete homework, such as, the LRC.
- Specific information about homework can be found on the school website and on Go4Schools.

### Reload Whole School- all Y7 Pupils

- Reload is part of the whole school homework principles.
- To elevate the importance of revision and build links between school and home support, Reload is a strategy that will retest pupils on important aspects of the curriculum and encourage the pupils to try different forms of revision.
- To help the school to clearly communicate Reload tasks to parents/ carers, the Reload tasks will be entered into G4S and labelled clearly as Reload.
- There will be a **minimum of 2 Reloads per term in Y7**, but Reload can be completed in other year groups.
- Your pupils' Reload results will be entered into specific marksheets on G4S. This will allow the teachers to understand what revision works best for pupils and identify their strengths and areas for developments.



- Parents and carers are requested to support pupils with all homework, reading and Reload tasks. There will be more information about Reload at the Y7 Chrome Book evening and on the website.

## **Parent/ Carer Guidance**

### **English**

- In **Y10-11** the weekly homework is much more focused on revising skills and knowledge for the GCSEs. The time spent on the homework will vary depending on which section of the exam is being revised. Please refer to Go4Schools for specific details.
- Y10 and Y11 homework is set and due on Wednesdays.
- In **Y8 and Y9** the weekly homework is based on the Bedrock Learning Programme, which aims to improve reading and literacy. The tasks should take between 20 and 30 minutes. Pupils should complete the next lesson in their personalised learning 'block'.
- **Y8 and Y9** homework is set and due on Tuesdays.
- **Y7** English homework is set and due on Friday and is a reading or Reload homework. Parents/ carers are required to sign the Y7 pupils' reading record book.

### **Consequences**

- **Y10 and Y11**
- Immediate detention for missed homework.
  - Y10 after school on Wednesdays.
  - Y11 break 1 on Wednesdays.
- **Y8 and Y9**
  - Negative log for missed homework and break-time class teacher detention (Bedrock needs to be completed 2x per week to have the most impact).
  - Second missed homework results in a Learning Zone detention.
- **Y7**
  - First missed homework results in a negative log.
  - Second missed homework results in contact with PLT and class teacher detention.
  - Third missed homework results in a Learning Zone after-school detention.
- **All year groups:** Parents/carers will be contacted for repeatedly missing homework deadlines.

### **Maths**

- Homework is set in all years once a week and is expected to take 20 minutes. The homework tasks provide an opportunity for over-learning as tasks cover previously taught topics
- The set and due day for Years **7, 8, 9** and **10** is Friday
- The set and due day for Year **11** is Thursday

### **Consequences**

- A missing piece of homework will result in a behaviour log. Failure to hand in the homework on the following Monday, Break 1 will result in a break-time detention.
- 3 missing pieces of homework will result in a Learning Zone detention.

## Science

- In **Y7 & 8** science homework is set once a week and is expected to take 30 minutes. The homework tasks link to content being taught in the lessons.
- In **Y9-11** homework will be specific to the three subjects: Biology, Chemistry, Physics and will be set fortnightly and the task will take 45 minutes.
- **Y10** pupils are set Reload activities.

## Consequences

- First missing homework = arrange a time with the class teacher to complete the homework.
- Second missing homework = negative behaviour log and class teacher detention.
- Failure to complete the missing homework/ turn up to a class teacher detention= contact with parent/ carer and after-school Learning Zone detention.

## Explore (Computer Science, Geography, History, Media, RS)

- In Y7 & 8 homework will be set fortnightly.

### Geography- all will be set fortnightly.

- Y7 set and due date is Wednesday.
- Y8 set and due date is Tuesday.
- Y9 set and due date is Monday.
- Y10 due and set date is Tuesday.
- Y11 due and set date is Friday.

### History

In **Y7 & 8**, homework is project-based and/or focused on learning key vocabulary linked to the topics being studied.

**Y9-11** homework is set weekly and linked to specific parts of the GCSE exams. Pupils should spend 30-45minutes on these specific tasks.

### Computer Science

In **Y7 & 8**, homework is focused on learning key scientific definitions using Tinycards for the topics being studied.

**Y9-11** homework is set fortnightly and linked to specific parts of the GCSE exams. Homework could be research based, focused on learning the key scientific definitions or creating revision materials. Pupils should spend 30 - 45 minutes completing the task.

### RS

- Years **7-11** RS homework will be set on a fortnightly basis and will be set on the day of the pupils' lessons to be handed in the following lesson.

- **Y7-8** homework will be a task to prepare them for the following lesson (flipped classroom).
- **Y9-11** pupils will be set a rolling 3 week programme which relates to GCSE style questions. They could be asked to decode the question, write the perfect answer, or revise for WIN (Work Independently Now) tasks to help pupils' apply their knowledge.

### **Consequences**

- First homework not completed negative log and break-time detention.
- Failure to attend the detention or homework still not completed escalates to an after-school Learning Zone detention.
- Parents/ carers will be contacted.

## **Modern Foreign Languages (French, German, Spanish)**

- **Y7 & 8** homework is set fortnightly for a maximum of 30 minutes.
- **KS4, Y9-11**, homework is set weekly for a maximum of 45 minutes.
- Homework tasks are varied and include a range of different skills i.e. Reading, Listening, Writing, Speaking, Vocabulary learning and Grammar.

### **Consequences**

- Homework will be checked promptly when due and completion will be tracked on Go4Schools and missing or unsatisfactory homework will be negatively logged on G4S.
- Failure to complete homework to a satisfactory standard or at all will result in:
  - i. First instance - Negative log on G4S.
  - ii. Second instance – Negative log on G4S and 15 minute break time detention; this will be accompanied by contact with home.
  - iii. Third instance – Negative log on G4S and Head of Learning Zone detention after school on a Wednesday.

## **Create (Art, Art Textiles, Art Graphics, Design and Technology, Food, Engineering)**

- All pupils receive homework tasks that are personalised to the current project they are undertaking.
- In **Y7 & 8**, these are set fortnightly and are expected to take 20 – 40 minutes.
- In **Y9, 10/11** the homework is set weekly and expected to take 30-60 minutes.
- Please see Go4Schools for specific details.

### **Consequences**

- First missed homework results in a negative log.
- Second missed homework results in a teacher detention and a negative log.

- Third missed homework results in a Learning Zone after-school detention and negative log.
- Parents/ carers will be contacted.

## Perform

In **Y7 & 8** no homework is set for PE, Drama and Music as the philosophy is to enrich the pupils' experiences and to foster a love and appreciation of these subjects. Future exam skills and subject-specific vocabulary will be developed during the lessons.

### GCSE Drama

- Homework will be set weekly, and last approximately 30minutes to 1 hour. Tasks will focus on portfolio work for devising and line learning, as well as, tasks related to set texts and exams.

### GCSE Music

- In **Y9-11**, homework will be set weekly. The tasks will consist of revision tasks, performance tasks and listening diaries. These tasks are expected to take 30-60 minutes.

### GCSE PE

- Homework will be set every two weeks and last approximately 30 -60 minutes. Homework will focus on course content/ consolidation and revision.

### BTECH Sport

- Homework will be set every two to three weeks depending on the unit of work. Homework should last 30 – 60 minutes. Tasks will focus on closing the gap.

### Health and Social Care

- Homework will be set every 1 to 2 weeks. Homework should last approximately 30 minutes. Tasks will include work to consolidate class learning or research work.

### Consequences

- First homework not completed will result in a warning and negative behaviour log.
- Failure to bring the homework or not do it for a second time will lead to a break-time detention and negative log.
- Repeatedly failing to complete homework will mean a Learning Zone detention and phone call home.