

## 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, 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

- 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.
- It should not be onerous for the teacher and should not unnecessarily add to the teachers' workload.
- There will be evidence in Y7 Curriculum overviews and in relevant lessons and this will be monitored through MRE procedures.
- To ensure the impact of Reload can be monitored and to enhance the communication with parents, 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.
- So that the strategy becomes familiar to teachers, parents and pupils, use the logo.
- The results of the retest/ Reload activity will be entered into specific marksheets on G4S.
- In consultation with the HofLZs, MWA will create the marksheets and Reload will be started by all subjects from September.



### School 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 homework is set and collected on Monday.
- Y11 homework is set and collected on Thursday.
- In **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'.
- **Y9** homework is set and due on Tuesday.
- **Y7 and Y8** English homework is a reading or Reload homework as directed by their class teacher. Pupils will have to upload their reading homework to Google Classroom each week.
- **Y7** homework is set and due on Friday.
- **Y8** homework is set and due on Thursday.

### Consequences

- **Y10 and Y11**
- Immediate detention for missed homework.
  - Y10 after school on Monday.
  - Y11 break 1 on Thursday.
- **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).
  - Third missed homework results in a Learning Zone detention.
- **Y7 and Y8**
  - 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

- Pupils will be expected to complete one homework task a week throughout the year. This work will have identified support materials through Mathswatch videos that the pupils can use. This homework is designed to be completed within 30 minutes. Support to complete this homework is available through maths tuition on a Tuesday morning and extra maths on a Tuesday evening.
- This will be set on G4S for the pupils to access easily.
- It will be set and checked on the same day of the week so that pupils have a clear routine to follow. Homework tasks will be RELOAD activities based on topics that the pupils will have recently covered in class.
- In Y11 further homework activities will be set based on key revision topics and on an individual's need based on current performance.

### Consequences

- A missing piece of homework will result in a behaviour log. Failure to catch up the homework by the following Monday, Break 1 will result in a break-time detention.
- 3 missing pieces of homework will result in a Learning Zone detention on a Wednesday evening.
- Repeated instances of incomplete homework will result in parental contact.

## Science (old)

- 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.
- In Y10, pupils will be set Reload tasks.

## 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

In **Y7 & 8**, pupils will be provided with a homework menu with a choice of tasks to choose from. These tasks are linked to the topics being studied.

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

### 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 Quizlet for the topics being studied.

**Y9-11** homework is set mostly weekly and linked to specific parts of the GCSE exams. Usually this will be around Tinycards however 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

**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.

## **MAP**

- Homework will be set mostly on a fortnightly basis and will be set on the day of the pupils' lessons to be handed in the following lesson.
- Homework may be a task to prepare them for the following lesson (flipped classroom) or extending learning from the lesson.
- During assessment periods, pupils will have revision homework.

## **Consequences**

- First homework not completed negative log and break-time detention. Pupils will be collected by a member of staff.
- 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 & Y8**

Homework is set fortnightly for a maximum of 30 minutes

Homework will consist of a variety of tasks including; vocabulary learning, research tasks, writing, reading and creative tasks.

Homework tasks are designed to broaden pupil's understanding of not only the language but also of the culture of study.

### **Y9-11**

Homework is set weekly for a maximum of 45 minutes.

Homework will consist of a variety of tasks including; vocabulary learning, research tasks, writing, reading, listening, speaking and creative tasks.

Homework tasks are designed to broaden pupil's understanding of not only the language but also of the culture of study.

## **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, 3D Design, Design and Technology, Food, Engineering)**

### **Design Technology**

**KS3** - pupils will have homework tasks set through Googleclassrooms at least twice a half term, these will be personalised around the projects that they are currently working on, these have already been pre-planned and are written into the Scheme of Learning. All homework will be set and tracked on G4S, by the individual teacher.

**KS4** - Some theory based tasks will be set, research based tasks or continuation of classwork and project work. All homework will be set and tracked on G4S, by the individual teacher. In Y11 pupils will be expected to work AT LEAST 1 hour at home on their coursework/exam projects.

### **Creative Arts (Textiles, Graphics, Art and 3D modelling)**

**KS3** - Pupils will be set a variety of tasks building skills that focus on their current projects in Creative Arts. They may be based on Googleclassroom, primary research (taking photographs) or sketchbook based skills. These have already been pre-planned by the developer of each project and are written into the Scheme of Learning. All homework will be set and tracked on G4S, by the individual teacher.

**KS4** - Pupils will be set tasks in KS4 that develop the skills learnt in lesson, research tasks or continuation of project (coursework & Exam) work. All homework will be set and tracked on G4S, by the individual teacher. In Y11 pupils will be expected to work AT LEAST 1 hour at home on their coursework/exam projects.

### **BTEC Engineering**

**KS4** - Pupils will be set tasks in KS4 that develop the skills learnt in lesson, research tasks or continuation of assignments (coursework) work through Google Classrooms. All homework will be set and tracked on G4S, by the individual teacher. In Y11 pupils will be expected to work AT LEAST 1 hour at home on their assignments.

### **Food Prep & Nutrition**

**KS3** - Practice all recipes at home.

**KS4** - Pupils will be set tasks in KS4 that develop the skills learnt in lesson, research tasks or continuation of assignments (coursework) work through Google Classrooms. All homework will be set and tracked on G4S, by the individual teacher. In Y11 pupils will be expected to work AT LEAST 1 hour at home on their coursework/exam projects.

### **Consequences in Create**

- First missed homework results in a negative log and break detention for 10 minutes.
- Second missed homework results in Parents/Carers to be contacted, a teacher detention and a negative log.
- Third missed homework results in Parents/Carers will be contacted and a Head of Learning Zone sanction.
- After that it will be a Head of House Sanction.

## 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 30 minutes 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.

### BTEC Sport

- Homework will be set when needed depending on the unit of work. Homework should last 30 – 60 minutes. Tasks will focus on closing the gap, consolidating class learning, or completing research in preparation for exam coursework.

### BTEC Health and Social Care

- Homework will be set when needed depending on the unit of work. Homework should last 30 – 60 minutes. Tasks will focus on closing the gap, consolidating class learning, or completing research in preparation for exam coursework.

### BTEC Performing Arts

- Homework will be set when needed depending on the unit of work. Homework should last 30 – 60 minutes. Tasks will focus on closing the gap, consolidating class learning, or completing research in preparation for exam coursework.

### 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.