



John O'Gaunt School
Homework Policy

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Rationale

At John O' Gaunt School we believe that homework plays a valuable part in a student's education. The development of independent study skills is vital in helping students move effectively through their life-long learning journey. Homework supports students in knowing more, doing more and remembering more.

Subject areas have different approaches to the nature and purpose of homework and adopt a range of approaches. In some subject areas such as Mathematics and Languages, regular and frequent practice and consolidation is essential whereas in some practical subjects such as Art and Technology it may be more appropriate to set a more extended project-based opportunity.

Homework at John O' Gaunt:

1. Regular and appropriate homework will be set that matches the needs of the class and the individual.
2. Homework set will offer a variety of approaches, including extended learning tasks, practice questions, retrieval quizzes, regular reading, Bedrock Learning, creative study and homework menus.
3. Online platforms such as 'Seneca' and 'MathsWatch' may be used to support student independent learning; use of these will fully comply with GDPR regulations.
4. Homework will ensure that students are knowing more, doing more and remembering more.
5. Teachers will adapt homework to ensure that all students are able to access the work and are supported in producing homework to the best of their abilities.
6. The school will provide appropriate information and access to resources in order to ensure that parents and carers are able to support their child with their homework. 'Class Charts' is used by all teachers for this purpose and you will be sent a parental login. Please contact your child's tutor in the first instance if you have any issues accessing 'Class Charts'.
7. We will also use Microsoft Teams to support independent learning; students will be directed to TEAMS if required, via a link on 'Class Charts'.*
8. The school offer a homework club after school from 3:10pm to 4:10pm where students can access resources and use IT facilities (Monday – Thursday). Arrangements will need to be made in terms of transport home – there is a late bus to some areas.
9. Students are expected to check 'Class Charts' every day and complete their homework in a timely manner.

Homework Timetable:

We use a 'Homework Timetable' to help students organise their time and not feel overloaded.

Subjects have an allotted day where teachers will be setting work and, of course, it is expected that an appropriate turnaround time for this work to be completed will be factored in. More homework is expected at KS4, so this is on a weekly timetable, whilst at KS3 we have spread the setting of homework across the teaching fortnight, with only core subjects being set weekly. KS3 students should expect 1-1 ½ hours of homework per night, whilst KS4 students should expect 2-2 ½ hours of homework per night.

It is good practice for students to complete work on the day it is given, as this helps them to manage their workload. However, for longer tasks or tasks that work on regularity (for example regular reading or Bedrock), spacing out the work over more nights might be needed; therefore, this timetable should just be seen as a guide. The timetable looks like this:



John O'Gaunt Homework Timetable 2023-24					
Key Stage 3					
Week A	English, Music, Drama	Maths	RS	Science	Art/DT/Food
Monday					
Tuesday					
Wednesday					
Thursday					
Friday					
Week B	English	Maths, ICT	Geog, Hist	Science, PE	MFL
Monday					
Tuesday					
Wednesday					
Thursday					
Friday					
Key Stage 4					
Week A & B	Eng, Music, Drama, French	Maths, Media, Comp Sci,	Geog, Hist RS	Science, Sport Science	Art, DT
Monday					
Tuesday					
Wednesday					
Thursday					
Friday					

Monitoring and evaluation

It is the responsibility of the subject teacher to set homework on 'Class Charts' in line with the policy.

Faculty Leaders will check the quality and regularity of the homework set in their subject area through monitoring and inspection.

Tutors will support students and help monitor their overall approach to, and success with, their homework.

Senior Leaders will oversee the monitoring and quality assurance process for the subject areas under their line management.

Parents will support students to complete their homework and meet deadlines and are asked to regularly check 'Class Charts' to see what has been set.

Students will complete their homework and meet deadlines; they will check 'Class Charts' on a daily basis.

Response to school closure:

*In remote learning scenarios, where all work is 'home' work, students will be expected to log in daily to Classcharts and Microsoft Teams and complete all tasks set.