



Homework Policy

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Introduction

Homework enhances students learning, improves achievement and develops study skills and is an integral part of the learning process.

An assigned task by teachers, homework is to be completed outside of class/school time: these tasks have been carefully planned and integrated into all curriculum areas.

Students should have homework that is set regularly, and is meaningful and appropriate to their age and stage.

Homework is set in order to:

- Develop essential transferable skills for life
- Enhance, deepen and foster a scholarly love of learning in the subjects studied
- Assist in the process of formative assessment to help teachers in adapting planning accordingly
- Foster a learning community, where teachers, parents/ carers and students work as partners in the educational journey of students

Types of homework tasks

The list below is not an exhaustive list of tasks that could be set for homework, but rather an indication of the type of tasks that are appropriate. There is an expectation that students would receive a variety of tasks over time.

- Preparation for future learning (such as reading ahead and summarising or planning tasks for future tasks)
- Wider reading tasks for enrichment or consolidation
- Structured short-answer questions to consolidate learning in lessons.
- Choice of tasks with varying levels of challenge.
- Vocabulary or key-facts learning.
- Extended project work – either completed as individuals or collaboratively.
- Guided research with appropriate support at the start of the work, such as key websites or printed references.
- Timed essays or extended pieces of writing.
- Creative responses to the learning – such as pamphlets.
- Online homework tasks.
- Revision.
- Write-up of experiments or practical work.
- Rehearsal.

Current research suggests that the most effective homework tends to be preparation for future learning and completion of specific tasks with clear criteria for success. Research also suggests that it is effective to give students some autonomy with the task, such as giving them choices or license to be creative. Project work tends to be least effective.

Rockwood Academy Homework Procedure

Homework is issued by the classroom teacher with a set deadline for it to be handed in.

Students are expected to complete the set work to the best of their ability and hand it in before the deadline.

Staff may issue a C60 for any homework tasks not completed or handed in before the deadline.

Students can always have support with any homework task set through their classroom teacher and/or homework clubs.