

October 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Homework Policy

In line with the academy values of ambition and resilience, we expect students to complete home learning on a regular basis. Homework is an important tool to support students' learning and offer opportunities for practice outside of the classroom.

As well as being an opportunity to deepen knowledge and strengthen connections within long term memory, homework is a vehicle for building independence within students outside of the classroom. With the increased amount of content in examinations, it is important that students are consistently reviewing the information they have learnt in lessons, as well as giving them opportunities to revise this content in a meaningful way, to best prepare them for their in-school assessments and ultimately, their GCSE examinations.

Students in Key Stage 4 (Y10 & 11) will be set homework on a daily basis, in line with the homework schedule which can be found on the reverse of this letter. At Key Stage 4, each subject will set homework once a week and will give students adequate time to complete this homework. The option group can be identified using the class code on the timetable. At Key Stage 3 (Y7,8 & 9), core subjects will set homework once a week. Ebacc subjects will set homework fortnightly, as outlined below, on the day that they teach the class. Creative & practical subjects may wish to set appropriate, occasional homework in line with schemes of learning, though this is not specified on the timetable.

An online platform, Google Classroom, will be used as the vehicle for setting, and in some cases completion of, homework for the majority of students. For students who do not have internet access, or access to a device to complete the homework effectively, there are alternative solutions. They may be given paper-based resources by their subject teacher, or they can attend the homework club, based in the library. This will run daily from 8.00-8.25am and 3.20-4.00pm (1.40-2.20pm on Friday). This means that you and your child will know exactly what homework needs completing each week. It is vital that you encourage your child to complete their homework and ensure this is done to a high standard.

Failure to complete homework or completing homework to a below expected standard, including plagiarism, will result in an automatic detention on the same day for 30 minutes. The purpose of the detention is to ensure your child gets a second opportunity to complete the homework. Parents/carers will be informed of this detention by text message. It is therefore essential that the contact number we have on the school system is correct. If your contact details need updating, please call the school reception on 01535 210333.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C Gudgeon

Assistant Principal - Teaching & Learning



Homework timetable for 2023-24:

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Monday			Science	English	Option B
				Option B	▼
Tuesday	English	Science (A band)	Maths	Option A	Option D
Wednesday		Science (B band)		Maths	English
Thursday	Science	English	English	Science	Science
				Option C	Option A
Friday	Maths	Maths		Option D	Maths
					Option C

KS3: Week 1 - RE & Geography

KS3: Week 2 - History & Spanish

Please note that for Y10 and 11, class codes can be found on your child's timetable which is available on the School Gateway App. It is the letter following the year group, e.g. 10C/Bu1 is Option C.

For Y7-9, creative & practical subjects may wish to set appropriate, occasional homework in line with schemes of learning, though this is not specified on the timetable.

Support with your child's login:

To log in to email/Google Classroom, students need to use their email address which use the following layout:

cka - - - - - @ck.catrust.uk

(Their personal 6 digit number can be found on their ID card, e.g. cka001234@ck.catrust.uk)

Their password will be the first three letters of their birth month (capitalised) followed by their year of birth (e.g. Apr2011)

If your child has any issues with logging in, they can speak to their ICT teacher or Head of Year for support.

