

Modern Foreign Languages-Homework Procedure Document

Homework is an essential part of becoming more proficient in a language. It is an opportunity...

- to practise further the skills of using the language
- to become more independent in the use of language
- to be able to concentrate by yourself on developing your expertise
- to enjoy using the language creatively

Years 7, 8 and 9

All students will receive at least one piece of homework a week. This homework should take between 30 and 60 minutes to complete. Homework set will take the form of either a learning, reading or written task. Learning new vocabulary and grammatical structures which can be applied to all aspects of language learning is an essential element for improvement and progression in a foreign language. Homework deadlines will be strictly enforced. Learning homework will be tested during the lesson it is due in. Students will be re-assessed in their own time, if they do not achieve the pass mark agreed when the learning homework is set. In preparation for Assessments which take place at the end of each half term students will be set preparation and learning homework. They will either prepare and learn an extended piece of writing or prepare and learn a speaking presentation to be assessed during lesson time.

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Year 10 and 11

Over the course of the GCSE every student will receive at least one piece of homework in MFL every week. This homework should take 45 to 60 minutes to complete. Tasks set will be relevant to the aspect of the GCSE course taught at that particular time, they may include listening, speaking, reading or writing tasks. The key to success at GCSE is to learn and consolidate all new vocabulary and grammatical structures as they are covered in lessons over the course of the two years. It is therefore very good practice for students to look over the work covered in lessons at home and set themselves a weekly core list of words and phrases to learn, even if the homework emphasis for that week is not on learning vocabulary

and grammatical structures. When students are required to prepare for a Controlled GCSE Assessment in Speaking or Writing, it is expected that during this time, students will spend longer than their standard homework allocation over the course of the week.

Years 12 and 13

Over the course of the A level every student will receive at least two pieces of homework in MFL every week. Each homework task should take at least 60 minutes to complete. In addition to this it is expected that each student will do a minimum of 1 hour independent study every week. In the examinations, great emphasis is placed in the mark scheme on evidence that the student has independently researched particular topic areas and has formulated their own thoughts and opinions on their own research. It is also highly recommended that students listen to the radio and access newspaper or magazine articles on-line in their chosen language in their own time.