



Homework Policy Updated September 2021

Aims of Homework at Downham Market Academy

- To help students realise their potential.
- To encourage the development of independent study.
- To provide opportunities for parents/carers to support the learning of their children.

Setting and Recording Homework

- Teachers will set homework that meets the needs of students of all abilities.
- In Year 7, homework will only be set in English, Maths, Science and Modern Languages for the first term. In the Spring and Summer terms, homework will be set in English, Maths, Modern, Languages, Science, and Humanities.
- In Years 8&9 homework will be set in the following subjects: English, Maths, Science, Geography, History, RE, and all languages. Other subjects may set voluntary homework.
- In KS4 (Years 10&11) and KS5 (Years 12&13), homework will be set regularly for subjects which lead to a qualification.
- Faculties setting homework will organise homework so that students are expected to spend the equivalent of approximately 30 minutes per subject per week in Years 7 to 9 and 45 minutes per subject per week in Years 10 and 11. In KS5 (level 3) subjects, students should study for a minimum of three hours per week outside of lessons. Where subjects are the equivalent of two level 3 qualifications, the extra study time needs to be doubled.
- Teachers will give sufficient lesson time to the setting of homework to ensure students understand what they are expected to do.
- Years 7 to 9 will not be set homework during the holidays, unless there are exceptional circumstances that require it, for example revision for a test or work to catch up.
- Teachers may make holiday enrichment suggestions for students in Years 7 to 9, such as visits to places of interest or subject based reading.
- Class teachers will decide on whether to set homework for Years 10 -13 during the holidays.
- Homework is checked for completion on the due date and, where appropriate, taken in for marking. The teacher may arrange a different date soon after the due date to

collect in the work. Homework that is marked will be returned to students within two weeks of the due date.

Responsibility for Homework, Support and Sanctions

- It is the responsibility of the student to complete homework on time and submit it. The exception to this is if a student is absent. Students in Years 7-9 are encouraged to complete homework if they are absent, but it is not compulsory to do so. Students in Years 10 -13 must complete homework within an agreed time if they are absent.
- If a student does not submit their homework by the required time, for no good reason, the class teacher may set a new date by which it is reasonable that the work should be submitted. Should the student fail to submit the homework by the new date, the teacher will set an afterschool homework detention, and parents/carers will be informed.
- If homework submission continues to be a problem, the student may be required to attend homework support club for further support. The school will determine the length of time to be spent in homework support club.
- If the homework collected in is not deemed a good effort by the teacher, the student may be required to improve it.

Additional information for KS5

- Students that fail to produce homework following a referral may eventually be placed on a contract that is managed by a senior member of staff if other attempts to get them to complete homework are unsuccessful. This monitoring contact will be sent home to parents. If the problem continues, the parents of the student will be invited into to College to discuss their son or daughter's progress. If no effort is made to comply, a student may be asked to leave College.