



Holy Cross

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Homework Policy

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1. Aim

To ensure that homework consistently contributes to high quality learning and progress.

2. Objectives

- To ensure that homework contributes to the development of learning, good study habits and self-discipline.
- To develop the partnership in learning between pupil, parent and teacher.

3. Rationale

- Homework is set for the following reasons:
 - To enable pupils to develop skills of self-discipline and independence.
 - To reinforce, revisit or extend the learning that has taken place in class.
 - To provide pupils of all abilities with new and exciting challenges.
 - To involve parents in their child's learning.
 - To help teachers to make a judgement on the pupils' level of attainment.
- The implementation of this policy is the responsibility of all teachers.

4. Guidelines

- There is no expectation to set a required number of homework activities. When homework is set, it should be meaningful, challenging and of a high quality.

5. Expectations

- Pupils are expected to:
 - Use Show My Homework to check homework set that day.
 - Complete all homework to the best of their ability.
 - Keep to the deadlines set by their teachers.
 - Ask for help before the deadline if they are experiencing difficulty.
 - Find out what work has been missed, due to absence, and catch up on it.
 - Present their work to a high standard.
 - Title all homework and record the date.
- Parents are expected to:
 - Support pupils with their homework.
 - Try and provide a quiet place where pupils can work or encourage them to use the school's facilities.
 - Routinely use Show My Homework to monitor quantity of homework being set.
 - Encourage pupils to meet homework deadlines.
 - Contact the Head of Year if they feel that insufficient or too much homework is being set.
 - Make it clear to pupils that they value homework and support the school in explaining how it can help them to progress.
 - Encourage pupils and praise them when homework is completed.

- Teachers are expected to:
 - Ensure that homework is set as required according to the curriculum area.
 - Ensure that instructions are clear.
 - Ensure that pupils receive clear guidelines on how to be successful.
 - Ensure that all homework is appropriately challenging.
 - Monitor the completion of homework and the quality of work produced.
 - Assess all homework and provide either verbal or written feedback within a week of completion.
 - Record non-completion of homework on Synergy and deduct a point.
 - Take action when homework is not done or is of poor quality.
 - Issue a break-time detention if a pupil does not bring homework on the date it is due and arrange for the work to be handed in on another day.
 - Refer repeated failure to complete homework to the Subject leader who will issue a departmental detention.

- Middle leaders are expected to:
 - Ensure that homework for their subject(s) is set when required in-line with the curriculum area.
 - Monitor the setting of homework, keep a record of when this monitoring is carried out and take appropriate action as necessary.

- The Leadership Team are expected to:
 - Ensure that the whole school homework policy is fully implemented.
 - Monitor the setting of homework and the appropriateness of homework tasks, providing feedback to Subject Leaders.
 - Evaluate the impact of this policy on the quality of learning and progress.

A Review of the Homework Policy will take place in May 2024