



SHIRLEY HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS COLLEGE

Our Vision:

To develop aspirational learners who strive for excellence academically, creatively and culturally, benefitting from a wide range of opportunities led by inspirational educators.

HOMEWORK POLICY

Intent

Homework is an integral aspect of student learning, our school curriculum and whole school culture. The setting of homework is to reinforce learning and provide extended tasks as part of a centralised homework schedule shared with students and parents at the beginning of each academic year. All departments should ensure that the homework set challenges all students and promotes learning through variety and differentiation.

Implementation

Subject teachers will:

- set homework, according to the homework schedule and recording for students in SIMs which will automatically appear on SIMs Parent App
- recognise, mark and/or test homework in line with the school marking and feedback policy and Shirley Learning Journey;
- reward students in line with our school values and our Shirley Learning Journey, using House points.
- take action with any students not completing homework on time in line with the school Behaviour Policy:

Heads of department are responsible for ensuring appropriate homework is set and recorded in line with the agreed homework schedule. DOF will ensure this is carried out correctly and consistently.

Heads of Year will assist Form Tutors with enquiries from parents/carers regarding homework; but only once this has been directed and addressed at a department level in the first instance.

Our expectations of students will be:

1. To check their Google classroom and their SIMs Parent and student App regularly for **all** homework tasks and quizzes.
2. To complete homework on time.
3. To produce homework in line with the expectations of our school values and Shirley learning journey. This will be monitored by our staff, tutors middle leaders and Phase Leads

Our expectations of parents will be to:

1. To provide a suitable environment for the completion of homework or make use of the school homework club.



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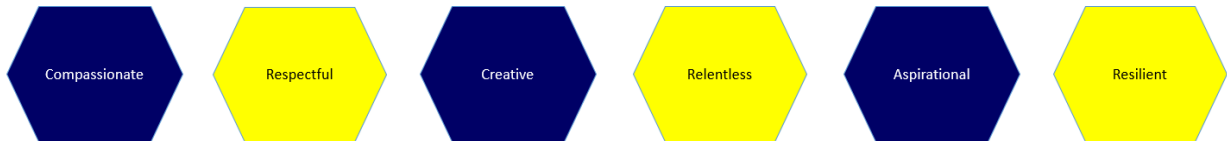
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2. To ensure their child's homework is completed on time and to the standards expected of a Shirley Learner;
3. To contact the school over any problems concerning their child's homework.

Impact

1. Students continue to develop their independent study skills
2. Students develop a love for learning through enquiry minds i.e. fostering a desire to discover more about topics being studied
3. Enhanced parental engagement and support with their child's learning is further embedded
4. Students are supported in helping them to meet or exceed their subject targets
5. Books show the impact of homework and reflect the homework schedule
6. Student progress and attainment are in line with the expectations of the school.

We want all at SHS to believe in and maintain the values of our school:





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Homework Schedule

Year 7 – Homework Booklets	
Bedrock Literacy	All Students are expected to complete 2 lessons per week of our Literacy programme. (Lessons are approx. 15 minutes) Students can complete more than two if they want.
Maths	90 minutes per fortnight of booklet and/or online tasks.
English	
Science	
French and Spanish	60 minutes per fortnight of booklet and/or online tasks.
Humanities	
Music	30 minutes per fortnight of booklet, project and/or online tasks.
Drama	
Dance	
Art	
RS	
DT	
Food Technology	2 pieces of work via booklet, project and/or online tasks per half term.
IT and Computer	
Science	

Year 8 and 9 – Scheduled Homework	
Bedrock Literacy	All Students are expected to complete 2 lessons per week of our Literacy programme. (Lessons are approx. 15 minutes) Students can complete more than two if they want.
Maths	90 minutes per cycle of booklet and online tasks.
English	
Science	
French and Spanish	60 minutes per fortnight.
Humanities	
Music	30 minutes per fortnight.
Drama	
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Years 10 and 11	
All Core and Option Subjects	120 minutes per fortnight.

Sixth Form
All students are expected to spend at least three hours per day on private study and will always have work to be completed.

All the timings above are guidelines on length of homework and will be met as far as possible.

In Years 10 and 11 some flexibility should be allowed to cater for larger pieces of work, such as coursework, which may be undertaken over a period of several weeks.