

SHIRLEY HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS COLLEGE

HOMEWORK POLICY

General Principles and Expectations on Homework

1. Homework is an important aspect of student learning.
2. A homework schedule will be issued to parents and students at the beginning of each academic year.
3. Homework should be challenging for all students, with plenty of variety in the nature of the tasks set.
4. Differentiated tasks should be set to account for the whole ability range of students.

Responsibilities of the School

1. Subject teachers are responsible for:
 - setting homework, according to the homework schedule and recording for students in Sims Learning Gateway.
 - marking homework when completed and to indicate how students can make further progress.
 - rewarding students for good efforts on homework, using achievement points.
 - taking action with students not completing homework on time. It is expected that the following should be undertaken:
 - verbal warning with new deadline set
 - phone call / e-mail home to alert parents/carers and set a detention if required
2. HoDs are responsible for ensuring appropriate homework is set and the homework schedule is followed by all staff in their department. They will organise homework for colleagues who are absent for more than one week.
3. HoYs will assist Form Tutors with enquiries from parents/carers regarding homework.

Responsibilities of Students

1. To check Sims Learning Gateway regularly for **all** homework tasks.
2. To complete homework on time.
3. To produce homework to a satisfactory standard.

Responsibilities of Parents/Carers

1. To provide a suitable environment for the completion of homework.
2. To ensure their child's homework is completed on time and to a satisfactory standard.
3. To contact the school over any problems concerning their child's homework.

Homework does not necessarily have to be done at home. Students may wish to take advantage of the facilities that are available to them at school.

Homework Schedule

Years 7 and 8	
Maths	90 minutes per fortnight
English	
Science	
French	60 minutes per fortnight
Humanities	
D.T	30 minutes per fortnight
Music	
Drama	
Art	
Dance	2 pieces of work per half term
SPD	2 pieces of project work set per half term

Years 9, 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 9, 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.

For more information on homework set by departments, please visit the Homework pages on our website.