



# Codsall Community High School

## Homework Policy

### **Introduction**

In the highest achieving schools students spend more time on homework than in other schools (NFER, 1995). This policy aims to continue to improve the quality and quantity of homework set and completed by students at Codsall Community High School in order to raise achievement.

### **Aims**

- To improve homework so all students complete homework on time and to a high standard.
- To improve learner achievement, interest and develop independence needed for lifelong learning.

### **Processes**

- A homework schedule is developed each year so everyone knows the amount of homework that should be set each week and this is posted on each school's website;
- High quality homework is recognised through the school rewards systems;
- Guidance is developed to exemplify the characteristics of good homework;

- An information booklet is produced to inform parents of their role in supporting homework;
- Teachers record the homework they set on the EduLink app;
- Students complete homework independently or with support from their parents or peers;
- Homework is marked by the student themselves, a member of their peer group, a computer program or the teacher;
- Lead Teachers and members of the Senior Leadership Team check homework is being set through work samples, student surveys and student interviews;
- When a student does not complete homework on time or to the required standard the teacher logs it on the School Information Management System, which parents and students can see on EduLink;
- The teacher reminds the student that homework needs to be handed in next lesson;
- If a student still does not complete homework or it is not to the required standard it is logged again;
- If a student owes more than one homework then each piece of missing work is logged each lesson;
- Students who occasionally do not complete homework on time or to the required standard (three or more times during a year) are spoken to by their Form Tutor;
- Students who still do not complete homework on time or to the required standard (six or more times during a year) are given an after-school detention by their Head of Year;
- If homework continues to be a problem then further detentions are issued every three times a student does not complete homework after that;
- Students who persistently do not complete homework (ten logs in a term) are seen by their Head of Year to discuss any support that is required.

- Students who still persistently do not complete homework (thirty logs in a school year) are seen by the Assistant Headteacher: Pastoral and given detention every night for half a term so it is addressed.

### Codsall Community High School: Homework Schedule 2020/21

Years/Time	40 minutes a week	30 minutes a week	15 minutes a day
Year 9	English Mathematics Science Option K (Accelerated)	Option J Option L Option M	Reading
Years/Time	60 minutes a week	40 minutes a week	15 minutes a day
Year 10	English Mathematics Science Option K (Accelerated)	Option J Option L Option M	Reading
Years/Time	90 minutes a week	45 minutes a week	
Year 11	English Mathematics Science	Option J Option L Option M	
Years/Time	5 hours a week for each A level 2 hours a week for each BTEC day		
Years 12 and 13	Option A Option B Option C Option D		

### Codsall Community High School: Homework Guide 2020/21

- Homework is set in accordance with the homework schedule;
- Students should do more homework than the schedule if they are underachieving in a subject or it is a subject they would like to study in the future in the sixth form or at university;
- Homework tasks are clear so students and parents can easily understand what is required;
- Homework tasks are differentiated and are appropriate to the needs of individual students;

- Homework is explained to students so they know what they need to do and why they are doing it;
- Homework is varied and includes opportunities for:
  - acquiring and retaining knowledge;
  - practising skills;
  - discussion to aid understanding;
  - independent research and project work;
  - problem solving;
  - reviewing previous work and revision;
  - reading and writing;
  - working on own, with members of family or peers;
  - using a computer;
  - completing coursework assignments.
- Homework is reviewed in class and good work is celebrated;
- Students in Years 9 and 10 are regularly set homework using their knowledge organisers, which they should provide evidence of to their teachers;
- Students who wish to carry out additional learning at home are encouraged to undertake wider reading, subject-specific learning using online resources or carry out projects in areas of interest.