

Ormiston Victory Academy Homework Policy

Overview

Our whole school homework policy has been designed and implemented to ensure that students are actively preparing for their assessments and becoming independent learners across the key stages. All homework links to assessment preparation and honing skills that students will need for their examinations. This policy and the steps that have been put in place are to support, encourage and motivate our students in order for them to feel fully prepared during assessment periods and develop independence.

Frequency, format and duration

Key stage 3:

A minimum of 20 minutes silent or reading aloud to a parent/ carer using their Accelerated Reader book.

Creative Studies weekly drawing task on rotation

What should be set for homework: assessment preparation

For Key Stage 3 students that are completing assessments each term students should be set:

A knowledge retention revision-based homework actively using their knowledge organizer and/ or a digital platform to evidence their knowledge and skills in preparation for upcoming assessments.

These should be checked during week 3 and 6 of each half term.

Homework tasks should take approximately 30 minutes to complete and should support students in preparation for upcoming assessments.

Key stage 4:

Homework only needs to be set if subjects feel that it will benefit the students and prepare them for their termly assessment. If homework is not set, students should have clear recourses in the assessment journal that state how they can independently study for their termly assessments.

Homework tasks should take a maximum of 30 minutes a subject across the two-week period.

What should be set for homework: Assessment Preparation

Students homework should be focused around building knowledge and skills to prepare them for their termly assessments. Where possible, subjects should include exam-based questions to equip students with the tools for their final exams.

Path 1

Homework is set with accordance to fortnightly model (set in week 1 or 2 and due in week 3, repeating in the same cycle)

Path 2

Homework is set in week 1 or week 2 that covers content for the entire half term, with check in points during week 3 and week 6.

Key stage 5:

Setting Homework

As a department, teachers should set homework during week 2 and week 5 each half term. Teachers will be responsible for adding this information on Class Charts, and uploading resources and information.

Students records the due date in their student planners. Teachers are responsible for giving students any additional resources that are needed in order for students to activity complete the tasks outlined on Class charts.

Monitoring of Homework

During week 3 teachers will need to monitor the submission of homework using classcharts.

Using the view homework tab click the student button to view your class list, uploads from students and then simply add – marked next to those that have completed the tasks set and not marked next to the students name. Thereafter return to view homework tab and click submission. At this points students that have completed tasks will be highlighted in green, and those that have been unsuccessfully will be highlighted in red.

Rewarding students:

Click 'Award all submitted' and click the homework visa point. Please ensure that you give some form of verbal praise and feedback to students at this stage also.

Incomplete homework:

Catch up:

'Missed homework catch up homework catch up required'

How catch-up sessions work

In the first instance this will lead to a curriculum catch up during period 6 in which students will be supported with catching up the homework. Once homework is completed, students can leave or alternatively, if on arrival students can evidence homework is completed they can also leave. There will be an allocated day for each department and this information will be shared with parents via parent mail in advance. This communication will be done via the KS3/ KS4/KS5 team.

Curriculum Leaders will have access to the homework catch up tracker in which during this time they will need to update. Failure to attend or complete will lead to an SLT homework catch up.

However, if students have not submitted homework across multiple subjects they will be asked to attend a year team catch up for 45 minutes during period 6 and will be encouraged to catch up on the work missed. If students are unsuccessful or fail to attend this catch up, students will be asked to attend an SLT catch up for one hour with the leadership team to ensure students are caught up and prepared for their assessments.