

## **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 knowledge and skills across the curriculum. This policy and the steps that have been put in place are to support, encourage and motivate our students for them to feel fully prepared during assessment periods and develop independence.

### **Frequency, format and duration**

#### **Key Stage 3:**

A minimum of 30 minutes silent or reading aloud to a parent/carer. To learn the key vocabulary spellings and definitions for each half term across the curriculum.

One cross curricular multiple choice knowledge homework set during Autumn 1 and 2, Spring 2 and Summer 1 to test subject knowledge, skills and prepare students for assessments.

#### **What should be set for homework:**

Students will be set 4 cross curricular spiraled two-week question-based homework's across the academic year based on subject knowledge and skills taught each term in preparation for assessments. These will be set during Autumn 1, Autumn 2, Spring 2 and Summer 1.

Homework tasks should take approximately 60 minutes to complete. Extra help links as well as knowledge organizers will be provided.

Students will have a two-week window to complete and submit.

Weekly snacks and study during period 6 will be available with teaching staff, HLTAs and mentors to support.

### **Monitoring of Homework**

Homework is due on the first Monday of week 4.

Form tutors/ departments/ year teams will be provided with a breakdown of homework submission and results. Students will be provided with a breakdown of their results, strengths and next steps.

### **Low submission/ incomplete homework**

Letters and announcements will be sent out and students with low submission levels/ no submission will be required to attend a Year team Catch up café before the next homework cycle. This will take place during a 45-minute Period 6 with a member of the year team.

### **Assessment preparation:**

There will be 2 assessment points for Key Stage 3.

#### ***Assessment point 1: January***

#### ***Assessment point 2: June***

Students, parents and carers will provide with assessment journals in which the following key information will be provided:

When and where are assessments taking place?

What knowledge and skills are being tested?

Topic lists for revision

Guidance on how to revise for the assessments

Revision resources to prepare for the assessments:

- 1) Digital platform
- 2) Knowledge Organizer – task
- 3) Additional reading/ exam style questions

### **Extra curricular college projects:**

For fun, flair and engagement departmental/ year team students' projects and competitions will run throughout the academic year through GOAL form time and extended homework projects.

These are designed to hone skills and identify students' passion and talents contributing towards their individual drive and recognizing excellence.

Students that submit college-based projects will be rewarded with anchor point visas for their college and will be recognized and certificated during our termly college assemblies.

### **Key stage 4:**

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

Homework tasks should take a minimum of 1 hour per 2 weeks for English, Mathematics and Science and a minimum of 30 minutes for remaining subjects 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.

### **Setting Homework**

English, Mathematics and Science must set HW fortnightly. All remaining departments can set homework on a cycle that best suits their department needs. Homework needs to be clearly set on class charts with the duration expected to take, due date and any other additional information.

### **Monitoring of Homework**

#### **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.

### **Incomplete homework:**

Students who miss homework need to be recorded on class charts. In the first instance, we ask departments to catch up students within the department and if this has not been successful, we shall refer students to the KS4 homework catch up sessions which will take place on a Thursday P6.