

CATOR PARK SCHOOL

HOMEWORK POLICY

Revised July 09

HOMEWORK

Properly designed homework can play a valuable part in a pupil's education. Its function must be to generate a variety of worthwhile learning experiences additional to those provided in the classroom. If approached in this way, homework is likely to be regarded by pupils as having purpose, interest and relevance.

Policy

All pupils should have homework on a regular basis in line with Faculty Policy.

Aims:

- To develop independent study and enable students to become life-long learners
- To develop perseverance and self-discipline
- To give extra practice of skills learned in the classroom
- To allow more time for teacher assisted learning in the classroom
- To open up areas of study not necessarily available in the classroom
- To involve parents and other adults

Good Practice

- Homework should be an integral part of the planning process
- Ensure that the homework has a purpose
- Pupils should feel that homework is related to the work that they are doing
- It should be within the pupil's understanding
- Take time to explain the homework clearly – where possible give exemplars to guide and motivate students. (This need not be at end of lesson)
- If possible, give 5-10 minutes to start the homework
- Make sure that the pupils write it in their Planners giving the date it is due, the length of time needed etc. even if the homework is reading, research or a continuation of a project
- Check that everyone does the set homework and apply Faculty rules to miscreants consistently
- When students are working on a large project or a piece of coursework, set short-term goals so that students have a specific task to complete
- Adhere to the homework timetable: this ensures that students are not over-burdened with homework on one particular night
- To avoid simple downloading of material from the internet, students should be given a clear focus for their investigation rather than merely being asked to 'carry out research'.
- Increasingly, homework may be set, submitted and marked on line.

Notes

Homework need not always be written pieces of work. Research shows that the homework tasks which pupils enjoy most are investigative ones. It is important, however, that all homework set is recorded in the teacher's planner and the pupil's planner.

Heads of Faculty should also look at good practice within the faculty with the aim of setting appropriate and purposeful homeworks which do not require a lot of time to mark. Some faculties are looking at setting investigation research or on-line homework which can be easily monitored.

Students without internet access at home may attend lunchtime or after-school clubs in order to carry out such task

YEAR 7**Homework Timetable 2009/10**

These are the nights in which homework should be attempted. It may be set on another night.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Technology (A side) Mathematics English	Technology (B side)	French (A side) Spanish (B side)	English French (A side)	Science Mathematics Spanish (B side)

All pieces of homework in the subjects above should each take approximately 30 minutes and are set weekly except **Technology** which should take approximately 1 hour.

The other exception is Humanities, which sets project based Homework. This new approach will give students the opportunity to complete worthwhile enquiry based challenges that are built up over a number of weeks. This work will be level assessed and will go towards their end of year final level. Further information will be provided in a separate booklet produced by the Humanities faculty. Below are the dates for starting and submission of these challenges.

Humanities Challenges

Subject challenge	Title	Start Date W/B	Submission Date W/B	Feedback date W/B
Religious Studies 1	World Religions	14/9/09	12/10/09	9/11/09
Geography 1	Natural Hazards	28/9/09	9/11/09	30/11/09
History 1	Medieval Villages	9/11/09	14/12/09	11/1/10
Religious Studies 2	Miracles	11/1/10	8/2/10	22/2/10
Geography 2	Settlements	1/2/10	1/3/10	22/3/10
History 2	Medieval castles	22/2/10	19/3/10	26/4/10

Year 7 Homework continued

In addition to the subjects indicated on the previous page, pupils will also be set homework weekly in the subjects below: Your daughter's individual teacher in these subjects will inform your daughter of the specific day that the homework will be set. Your daughter should then write this into the homework diary in her planner

Art which should take approximately 30 minutes

Music and **Dance** which should take approximately 30 minutes

Art, Music and **Dance** are not set every week due to the practical nature of the subject.

Homework in **ICT** and **Drama** will be set as relevant to the course.

- *It is usually a good idea for students to tackle the homework on the night that it is set. This makes it easier for students to meet deadlines and prevents homework "building up" and becoming difficult to manage.*
- *Quality of work, presentation and handing in the work to deadline is of the utmost importance.*
- *Your daughter should always write her homework down in her planner even when the homework is not a written task.*
- **We really appreciate your support in checking and signing planners weekly.**
- *A homework club has been set up to help students. This meets every lunchtime and gives your daughter access to computers if she needs to carry out research or needs to type and print homework.*

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TO BE RETURNED TO THE FORM TUTOR

I have seen my daughter's homework timetable and will encourage her to complete all the homework set and ensure that it is handed in on time.

Signed:

Parent/Carer

Daughter's Name:

Form:

YEAR 8 Homework Timetable 2009/10

These are the nights in which homework should be attempted. It may be set on another night.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Languages Mathematics	Technology (B side)	English Technology (A side)	Mathematics Science History	English Languages

All pieces of homework in the subjects above should each take approximately 35 minutes and are set weekly except **technology** which should take approximately 1 hour.

Other exceptions are Geography and RE which both set project based Homework. **Students will be set 2 challenges per term.** This new approach will give students the opportunity to complete worthwhile enquiry based challenges that are built up over a number of weeks. This work will be level assessed and will go towards their end of year final level. Further information will be provided in a separate booklet produced by the Humanities faculty. Below are the dates for starting and submission of these challenges.

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Music and Dance which should take approximately 30 minutes

Art and Music and Dance are not set every week due to the practical nature of the subject. Homework in **ICT** and **Drama** will be set as relevant to the course.

Latin (should your daughter be studying this subject), which should take approximately 30 minutes.

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YEAR 9 Homework Timetable 2009/10

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Technology (A side) English Languages Humanities (B side)	Mathematics Humanities (A side)	English Humanities (B side)	Science Mathematics Humanities	Technology (Bside) Languages Humanities (A side)

All pieces of homework in the subjects above should each take approximately 35 minutes except **Technology** which should take approximately 1 ½ hours. Homework in each of the above subjects are set weekly.

In addition to the subjects above, pupils will also be set homework weekly in the subjects below:

Your daughter's individual teacher in these subjects will inform your daughter of the specific day that the homework will be set. Your daughter should then write this into the homework diary in her planner.

Art which should take approximately 30 minutes

Music which should take approximately 30 minutes

A third **Humanities** homework which should take approximately 45 minutes

Art and **Music** are not set every week due to the practical nature of the subject.

Homework in **ICT** and **Drama** will be set as relevant to the course.

Latin (should your daughter be studying these subjects), which should take approximately 30 minutes.

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YEAR 10

Homework Timetable 2009/10

These are the nights in which homework should be attempted. It may be set on another night.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
English Humanities (Option 1) French group 2	Languages (option 1) Mathematics Health and Social Care	Humanities (Option 1 +2) French Group2 Child Development (group A)	Humanities (Option 2) Languages(option 1) Child Development (group B) Health and Social Care	Mathematics English

All pieces of homework in the subjects above should each take approximately 45 - 60 minutes and are set weekly.

If your daughter is studying two foreign languages or two humanities, she will receive a proportional increase in homework.

In addition to the subjects above, pupils will also be set homework weekly in the subjects below.

Your daughter's individual teacher in these subjects will inform your daughter of the specific day that the homework will be set. Your daughter should then write this into the homework diary in her planner.

Subject	Time	Subject	Time
Technology	2 hours	Drama	2 hours
Art	1 hour	Media Studies	1 hour
Music	2 hours	Business Studies	1 hours
Dance	2 hours	Catering	2 hours
P.E	1 hour	Applied ICT	2 hours
Child Development	1 hour	Health and Social Care	1 hour
Science	One 45 minute homework for every GCSE they take. E.G. triple Science students will have 3 x 45 minute homework per week.		

Your daughter may also be set homework in subjects not listed above. In such cases the homework will not be set every week and will not exceed 1 hour per subject.

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YEAR 11 **Homework Timetable 2009/10**

These are the nights in which homework should be attempted. It may be set on another night.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Science Mathematics	English Languages (option 2) Humanities (option 2) Health and Social Care	Science Mathematics Child Development	Science English Languages 1+2 Humanities Health and Social Care	Languages (option 1) Humanities (option 2)

All pieces of homework in the subjects above should each take approximately 45 - 60 minutes . If your daughter is studying two foreign languages or two humanities she will receive a proportional increase in homework. In addition to the subjects above, pupils will also be set homework weekly in the subjects. Your daughter’s individual teacher in these subjects will inform your daughter of the specific day that the homework will be set. Your daughter should then write this into the homework diary in her planner.

Subject	Time	Subject	Time
Dance	2 hours	Drama	2 hours
Art	1 hour	Media Studies	1 hour
Music	2 hours	Business Studies	1 hour
P.E	1 hour	Catering	2 hours
Technology	2 hours	Child Development	1 hour
Sociology	2 hours	History	2 hours
Science	One 45 minute homework for every GCSE they take. E.G. triple Science students will have 3 x 45 minute homework per week		

Your daughter may also be set homework in subjects not listed above. In such cases the homework will not be set every week and will not exceed 1 hour per subject.

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	YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10	YEAR 11
ENGLISH	2 x 30 MINS 1 READING 1 WRITTEN	2 x 30 MINS 1 READING 1 WRITTEN	2 x 45 MINS 1 READING 1 WRITTEN	ENGLISH 2 x 1 HOUR MEDIA STUDIES 1 x 1 HOUR	ENGLISH 3 x 1 HOUR MEDIA STUDIES 1 x 1 HOUR
EXPRESSIVE ARTS	A 30 MINS (Not set every week)	A 30 MINS (Not set every week)	A 30 MINS (Not set every week)	A 1 HOUR PE 1 HOUR	A 1 HOUR PE 1 HOUR
HUMANITIES (guidance although will vary in year 7 and 8 according to project timetable)	G 1 x 30 MINS H 1 x 30 MINS RE 1 x 30 MINS	G 1 x 30 MINS H 1 x 30 MINS RE 1 x 30 MINS	G 1 x 45 MINS H 1 x 45 MINS RE 1 x 45 MINS	G 1 HOUR RE 1 HOUR H 1 HOUR	G 1 HOUR RE 1 HOUR H 1 HOUR
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	1 x 1 HOUR as required	1 x 1 HOUR as required	1 x 1 HOUR as required	APPLIED ICT 3 x 30 MINS as required BS 2 x 30 MINS as required BCS as required	2 x 30 MINS as required BS 2X 40 MINS
MATHEMATICS	2 x 30 MINS SETS	2 x 30 MINS	SETS 1-4 2 x 40 MINS SETS 5/6 2 x 30 MINS SETS 7/8/9 1 x 30 MINS	1 & 2 2 x 55 MINS 3 & 4 2 x 40 MINS 5, 6 & 7 2 x 30 MINS 8 1 x 30 MINS	Sets 1 and 2 2 x 50 MINS Sets 3,4 and 5 2 x 40 MINS SETS 8 & 9 1 x 30 MINS
MODERN LANGUAGES	2 x 30 MINS FRENCH 1 WRITTEN 1 LEARNING	2 x 30(20) MINS 1 WRITTEN 1 LEARNING FRENCH + MOD.LANG.	2 x 40(30) MINS 1 WRITTEN 1 LEARNING FRENCH + MOD.LANG.	2 x 45 MINS	2 X 1 HOUR
SCIENCE	2 x 20 MINS EVERY WEEK	3 x 30 MINS EVERY FORTNIGHT	3 x 30 MINS EVERY FORTNIGHT	1 x 45 minutes for every Science GCSE studied	1 x 45 minute for every Science GCSE studied
TECHNOLOGY	1 x 1 HOUR	1 x 1 ½ HOURS	1 x 1 ½ HOURS	TECHNOLOGY 1 ½-2 HOURS	TECHNOLOGY 1 ½-2 HOURS
PERFORMING ARTS	Drama 30 min Music 30 min Dance 30 min	Drama 30 min Music 30 min Dance 30 min	Drama 30 min Music 30 min	Drama 2 x 1 hour Music 2 x 1 hour Dance 2 x 1 hour	Drama 2 x 1 hour Music 2 x 1 hour Dance 2 x 1 hour
VOCATIONAL				Health and Social care 3x30 min Child Development 2x30 min	Health and Social care 3x30 min Child Development 2x30 min