



## Homework Policy

'Opportunity, success and enjoyment for all'



### Rationale

The school aims to help all students 'achieve their full potential and enjoy the process' and provide high quality programmes of learning which

- ◆ are both challenging and enjoyable
- ◆ stimulate and develop natural curiosity
- ◆ encourage self-discipline, self-confidence and self-expression
- ◆ broaden horizons
- ◆ utilise the expertise and opportunities available in the local community and
- ◆ provide a wide range of experiences

Amongst the school's major priorities are

- ◆ the raising of standards in all Key Stages and
- ◆ the further improvement of the teaching and learning throughout the school.

### Purpose

Homework can contribute significantly to these aims and priorities by:

- ◆ extending the learning time available for a crowded curriculum
- ◆ broadening the range of learning activities on offer
- ◆ helping students develop good study habits and organisational skills
- ◆ involving parents in monitoring and supporting their children's work

### Commitment

The school will, therefore,

1. Set homework regularly in Years 7, 8 and 9 in accordance with a published framework which:
  - ◆ enables parents and students to know when to expect homework and how much to expect, within each subject
  - ◆ conforms with the guidance notes in terms of time allocation and nature
  - ◆ ensures that students are set work in such a way that they are not overburdened on any one night, unless by their own lack of organisation
2. Set homework in Years 10-12 in a way that maximises learning opportunities and remains consistent with coursework requirements and with the guidelines on timing and nature
3. Attempt always to set homework which advances learning, is challenging but within the capability of each student and which is an integral part of programmes of study
4. Ensure that homework is set in such a way and at such a time as to enable students to record in planners details of tasks set, date for completion and the amount of time expected to be taken
5. Ensure that tasks are fully explained to students
6. Provide feedback to students on completed homework tasks in such a way as to assist further learning and maintain motivation