



The Rudheath Senior Academy

Homework Policy 2024-2025

Homework

Homework improves students' performance and achievement by giving them the opportunity to develop independence and resilience, to better prepare for lessons, and explore and research outside of the classroom.

Homework provides teachers with the opportunity to check students' understanding of topics and to assess progress and knowledge. Homework is a vital element of learning and an important aspect of school life.

All homework **is set through our Arbor** platform, giving both students and parents access in order to support our students to plan for completion and to organise their time.

Rationale

We recognise that, when set correctly, homework can have a positive impact on students' learning. Homework at RSA aims to support students with retention of key information to support mastery of their learning and ultimately, achieve excellent outcomes. Evidence from the Education Endowment Fund (EEF) suggests that, on average, homework can add five months' additional progress to student learning.

We also recognise that studies indicate that, depending on their age, students should be completing between 1-2 hours of homework each evening for maximum benefit and we are mindful that the benefits to progress can decrease if students go above or beyond this amount.

Heads of Faculty have carefully designed subject specific curricula to build powerful knowledge and skill over time; this is supplemented by the homework expectations outlined below. If students are able to easily recall core, powerful knowledge required for their topic, it will enable them the cognitive space required for deeper thinking and understanding.

If there are any questions about subject specific homework, please speak to the class teacher or relevant Head of Faculty. If there are any general homework questions, please speak to **Mrs Lycett, Assistant Headteacher**.

Key Stage 3: Years 7, 8 & 9

| Weekly (1 hour) |
|------------------------|
| English |
| Maths (Sparx Maths) |

| Fortnightly (1 hour) |
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| Science |
| History |
| Spanish |
| Drama |
| Music |
| Art |
| IT |
| Food Technology |
| DT |
| Geography |
| RE |

Key Stage 4: Years 10 & 11

| Subject | Year 10 | Year 11 |
|----------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| English | 2 hours per week each | 2-3 hours per week each |
| Maths | | |
| Science | | |
| Option 1 | 1 hour per week, per subject | 1-2 hours per week, per subject |
| Option 2 | | |
| Option 3 | | |