

## Homework Policy 2017 - 2018

At St Cuthbert's Catholic High School we work hard to get the best from our students. Our homework policy aims to build on this by developing independent learning skills, consolidating and reinforcing skills and knowledge acquired in school.

**What form will homework take?** We encourage 'flipped homework'; that is students will be asked to research/find facts on a topic prior to the lesson being taught so they come to the lesson with some background knowledge – this enables the teacher to teach a greater understanding of the topic and the student in lessons has more time to apply that knowledge to a learning task and embed the learning with a higher student engagement.

Other examples include:

- Exam questions from past papers
- Revision of facts
- Preparation of verbal presentation to class
- Drafting an essay
- Learning vocabulary/key words
- Consolidation tasks
- Subject specific tasks such as drawing/designing

### How is homework recorded in school?

- Students record homework in their planner
- Parents are asked to check this weekly, if not daily.

### Sanctions for non-compliance

Teacher comment to be recorded in planner. Departmental detention(s) will be given to complete work. When deadlines are set the principle should be adhered to.

House teams will intervene where there are concerns in three or more curriculum areas.

### Minimum Standard KS3

- Set homework once every 3 lessons where appropriate.(English once a week)
- All homework acknowledged.
- Teacher checks that homework is recorded in the planner.

### Minimum Standard KS4

- Homework set once every 2 lessons. (English once a week)
- Set tasks to be relevant to GCSE requirements
- Teacher checks that homework is recorded in the planner.
- All homework acknowledged

**Minimum Standard KS5.** At this level students are expected to undertake a significant amount of independent study.

- Students will be set homework on a frequent basis, as determined by the subject area.
- Tasks will be relevant to exam board requirements.
- Students should be spending 3-5 hours per week per subject in independent study, separate to regular coursework and homework.
- Teacher checks that homework is recorded in planner.