

Home Study for CDT

S1/2 – BGE Design Technology

Rationale

Students will be given home study tasks in CDT to primarily re-enforce and enhance work done in the classroom. This helps in extending the student's range of knowledge and skills while encouraging the development of self-discipline in the students and enabling them to take responsibility for their work. Parents are able to support and share in the education of their children and pupils are encouraged to develop their own study habits.

It is however understood and accepted that certain aspects of CDT may not lend themselves to the assigning of homework to students in certain years. Homework must have a clear purpose

What type of activity?

Students will be required to complete design type assignments at home. A specific task would be set by the class teacher e.g. design a mobile phone. Pupils will have the opportunity to discuss the task before attempting the work at home. Unfinished course notes and design work can be set for home study.

How often and for how long?

There is no defined time for home study in the S1/2 common course but it would be recommended that students be given no more than 1 hour per week set task, however as described home study can be used as an opportunity to complete course notes or design work.

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S3 – Design & Graphics

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Students will be given home study tasks in CDT to primarily re-enforce and enhance work done in the classroom. This helps in extending the student's range of knowledge and skills while encouraging the development of self-discipline in the students and enabling them to take responsibility for their work. Parents are able to support and share in the education of their children and pupils are encouraged to develop their own study habits.

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What type of activity?

Standard grade home study is used for the completion of unfinished graphics, notes or design work. There are home study activities that can be used at the discretion of the class teacher to enhance the learning of the pupils within the subjects. The primary use of home study at this stage comes from preparation of exams and class quizzes/exercises.

How often and for how long?

We would recommend that assigned home study sessions be for no more than 1 hour per week; however this is left to the discretion of the class teacher. Home study will become more frequent and possible in greater quantity during the preparation period for exams or tests.

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S4/5/6 – National 4/5, Higher, and Advanced Higher

Rationale

Students will be given home study tasks in CDT to primarily re-enforce and enhance work done in the classroom. This helps in extending the student's range of knowledge and skills while encouraging the development of self-discipline in the students and enabling them to take responsibility for their work. Parents are able to support and share in the education of their children and pupils are encouraged to develop their own study habits.

It is however understood and accepted that certain aspects of CDT may not lend themselves to the assigning of homework to students in certain years. Homework must have a clear purpose

What type of activity?

S4/5/6 home study is used for the completion of unfinished graphics, notes or design work. There are home study activities that can be used at the discretion of the class teacher in conjunction with class work, to enhance the learning of the pupils within the subjects. The essential use of home study at this stage comes from preparation for prelim exams, final exams and class test/exercises.

How often and for how long?

Due to the nature of S4/5/6 classes and the diversity of the subjects there has to be a certain amount of flexibility within these guidelines. The frequency and duration of home study is left to the discretion of the class teacher, so that home study can be tailored to class/pupil needs, requirements and attainment.