

HOME STUDY FOR THE SOCIAL SUBJECTS DEPARTMENT

Homework is an important part of the learning process and will be set in a deliberate, imaginative and constructive way. The aim is to consolidate, complement and expand the on-going class work. Homework will be given regularly throughout all year groups in Social Subjects.

S1-S2

Rationale - The aim is to consolidate, complement and expand the on-going class work.

Activity - Homework will be clearly related to on-going class work.

Tasks will be varied. Not all homework will be in the form of writing. Pupils at times are asked to undertake activities such as learning, drawing, planning, practising, reading, researching, revising and thinking.

Some tasks will be open ended allowing for individual initiative and access to all pupils.

At least one major project will be issued for completion at home.

How often and for how long? - Tasks should last approximately 20 minutes for S1 and be issued at least every fortnight. Project work will last around 3 weeks and students will be expected to work weekly on these. Personalisation and choice is important with the completion of project work

S3

Rationale - The aim is to consolidate, complement and expand the on-going class work. It should also provide a firm basis for revision for assessments.

Activity - Tasks will be varied. Not all homework will be in the form of writing. Pupils at times are asked to undertake activities such as learning, drawing, planning, practising, reading, researching, revising, watching and thinking. Personalisation and choice is important within this.

Some tasks will be open ended allowing for individual initiative and access to all pupils.

Past paper questions will be used extensively.

Homework will be marked where written work is involved and pupils' effort and success acknowledged.

How often and for how long? - One extended homework task to be issued each week. Such tasks should require around 40 minutes to 1 hour to complete.

S4 - S6

Rationale - The aim is to consolidate, complement and expand the on-going class work. It should also provide a firm basis for revision for assessments. It will also often be used as an opportunity to extend class activities and involves students embarking on personal research.

Activity - Tasks will be varied. Not all homework will be in the form of writing. Pupils at times are asked to undertake activities such as learning, drawing, planning, practising, reading, researching, revising and thinking.

Some tasks will be open ended allowing for individual initiative and access to all pupils.

Past paper questions will be used extensively.

Homework will be marked where written work is involved and pupils' effort and success acknowledged.

Much of the homework will involve revision for frequent class based assessments.

Other exercises are tailored to ensure skills essential for senior school are consolidated at home such as essay writing, producing reports, summarising and exam skills.

All activities will provide essential preparation for exams.

How often and for how long? - At least two homework tasks will be issued each week. These tasks should take between 1 and 2 hours. It is recommended that all students read through and consolidate knowledge gained in class on a nightly basis if formal homework has not been issued.