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Homework at Staffordshire University Academy

At Staffordshire University Academy we view homework as an extremely important element of a student's education. Homework should consist of meaningful and worthwhile tasks or projects designed to extend the learning of the student outside the classroom and to:

- Extend and support classwork
- Consolidate and reinforce skills and understanding
- Extend and support every child's learning
- Develop the skills of an Independent Learner
- Allow students to gain and practise the skills and knowledge that they will be required to reproduce in assessment situations such as exams
- Develop abilities in time management and organisation essential in life and beneficial to students as they leave the academy and progress to university or enter the workplace.

Years 7, 8 and 9

Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 will receive one weekly piece of homework for each of the core subjects (English, maths and science) and for modern foreign languages.

Humanities (history and geography) will set Home Learning Projects (HLPs) in Years 7 and 8. These are an extended piece of work with a number of smaller individual tasks. HLPs will be set at the start of a half term and will be collected later in the term; students will be made aware of these deadlines by their teachers. Students in Year 9 will receive weekly homework in both history and geography.

In carousel subjects (computer science, art, design and technology, catering, religious education, citizenship, drama, music and sociology) homework will be set twice each half term.

Subjects	Frequency	Type of homework
English	Weekly	Short task
Maths	Weekly	Short task
Science	Weekly	Short task
MFL	Weekly	Short task
Humanities (Year 7/8)	Once per subject every half term	Extended projects
Humanities (Year 9)	Weekly per subject	Short task
Sport	Once per subject every half term	Extended projects
Carousel subjects	Twice per half term	Short tasks / research activities

Years 10 and 11

Students follow their chosen options and, as such, the amount of homework expected will increase. There will be occasions during the year where workload appears greater, particularly near examination periods. Students will be expected to complete homework for all subjects. Homework should be set at least once per week in each subject; clear deadlines will be set by subject teachers and shared with students. Most homework tasks should take approximately 30 minutes per subject. Closer to exams all students will be set revision tasks to do for homework.

Sixth Form – Years 12 and 13

In the Sixth Form students study 3 or 4 subjects. Level 3 courses are very challenging and require a much greater degree of independent learning / study from students. Homework and /or assignments will be set throughout the academic year. Students should be completing work, outside of lesson time, for between 3 – 5 hours per subject each week. They should also be consolidating their knowledge and revisiting units previously covered even when not directed by teachers.