

LANCASTER ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL

POLICY STATEMENT

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HOMework POLICY INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND STAFF

Aims of Homework

1. To consolidate and to develop class work including course-work assignments.
2. To develop independent learning, research and revision skills.
3. To promote reading both within subject areas and for pleasure.

General Homework Statements

- Homework should always be linked to effective learning.
- The school timetable includes designated nights for homework to be set in each subject. Teachers will use these opportunities to set homework whenever it is appropriate.
- Staff should not feel obliged to set homework that is due the next day (this can be restrictive), although they may do so if this is deemed appropriate.
- Departments have their own homework policies. Generally younger boys will receive shorter, more prescriptive homework whereas older boys might receive more open-ended longer homework.
- Homework set should be assessed regularly, thoroughly and constructively; it should respond to individual needs.

Homework Times -Table (Years 7 to 11)

- In years 7 and 8, homework could occupy up to about 20 minutes per subject. In year 9, the time could be extended to 30 minutes and, in years 10 and 11, to 40 minutes per subject. These times are guidelines; boys work at different rates.

In each year homework is set for a maximum number of seventeen occasions per week. This is divided up into three or four subjects per night from Monday to Friday.

- There will be no fixed time-table for 6th form homework, which will be set as necessary.

Show My Homework

- Homework for students in years 7 – 11 must be set by the class teacher on Show My Homework, detailing clearly the requirements of the homework.
- Students are expected to check Show My Homework each day and complete the homework by the submission date.
- Parents are expected to play an active part in their son's homework, and should also check Show My Homework in order to support him with his homework.

The Role of Parents

- Parents should, as far as possible, provide a suitable, reasonably peaceful place in which a pupil can do his homework.
- Parents should encourage a pupil to recognise the value of homework.
- Parents should expect deadlines to be met. The date for completion of homework is entered by each teacher on Show My Homework.
- The school welcomes any homework support which a parent can give to a pupil except in those cases where independent work is required.

Department Homework Policies

Within these general guidelines, each department has its own requirements and policy for homework. These are detailed in department handbooks and in schemes of work. Teachers undertake to mark and return homework as promptly as possible. All teachers adopt a common approach to the marking of spelling, punctuation and grammar.

Problems

Parents are encouraged to contact the form tutor if there are any problems with the standard or with the amount of homework.

Please note: In the case of **boarding** pupils the supervisory role of parents will be undertaken by a member of the boarding house staff.