

Waste Bride

Secondary School

Homework Policy

Ratified by Board of Management: 8th September 2009

Signed: _____
Secretary



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This policy applies to pupils, parents and teachers and is in keeping with the school's fundamental aim to encourage each student to take responsibility for herself, her learning and her property, to develop her full potential and to acquire skills necessary for life long learning.

The purpose of homework is;

- to consolidate, supplement, complete and reinforce work done in class
- to develop independent study skills
- to develop time management skills

Homework is work assigned by a teacher to be completed by a student outside school hours. It can take many forms e.g. it may be written, aural, memorising, reading, research, project work, revision, drawing, watching a television programme, preparation for debate, using the computer and carrying out research on the Internet etc. the list is neither prescriptive nor exhaustive. It is important to emphasise that non written homework is as important as written homework.

The following are guidelines for time spent doing homework and may vary depending on level of ability, time of year and classwork being covered at the time;

First Year	1½ hours each day (approx 10 mins per subject)
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Third Year	1½ to 2 hours each day
Fourth Year	2-3 hours each day
Transition Year	Varies depending on project work.
Fifth Year	2½ to 3 hours each day
Sixth Year	3 to 4 hours each day.

All students are expected to do homework and revision at weekends. Revision should be ongoing throughout the year and is especially important before exams at Christmas, Mock Exam time and Summer. Some teachers may give out revision timetables prior to exams. Extra weekend revision is essential at these times.

It is recommended that students should not be employed in evening or weekend part time work.

Expectations regarding Homework

- Students are expected to have all books, copies and equipment necessary for each subject in class each day.
- Homework should be completed and presented on time and to the best of the student's ability in a neat and tidy manner.
- All homework should be attempted as effort is extremely important.
- All homework should be written into the student's journal.
- If a student misses class work for whatever reason it is her responsibility to find out what work has been set and to do her best to complete it on time.

at a student will have no homework but if this happens revision should be undertaken.

- Sanctions will apply if homework is not complete. Continuous non completion of homework will result in a file entry in accordance with our Discipline Code

Parents

Parents play an important supportive role in the area of homework.

It is recommended that parents

- Provide a suitable environment for study i.e. space, heat, light, quiet, free from T.V. and other distractions.
- Should curtail the use of mobile phones during study
- Supervise appropriate to the age and needs of the student
- Check and sign the student journal weekly, ensuring that homework is written in each day and ticked off when completed.

Student Journal

Every student is expected to have a school journal to record the homework assigned in each class. There is space in the journal for parents and teachers to communicate. In the event of a student not doing homework without a credible excuse, the teacher may impose sanctions and/or communicate with parents through the journal. Parents are requested to monitor the journal weekly and sign it. If a student defaces or loses her journal she will be required to replace it at an increased cost.