



Oathall Community College – Homework Policy

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Purpose

The aim of our homework policy is to promote active learning beyond the school day as an essential part of good education. We believe that homework should consolidate learning, deepen understanding and prepare students very well for work to come. The homework curriculum should develop the skills and attitudes required for successful learning in addition to developing independent learning and study skills and good time-management.

Online System - Bromcom

All students are issued with access to Bromcom, our online school portal. All homework that is set is accessed via Bromcom. Both students and parents can access all of the homework set.

Action Statement

The **school** will ensure that:

- homework is an integral part of the curriculum and is planned and prepared alongside all other programmes of learning. This forms our Homework Curriculum
- homework is appropriate to the age, ability and circumstances of the students, taking into account special educational and any additional needs
- support materials for students and parents will be posted on the school website under the heading Homework Curriculum
- a schedule is provided to support staff, students and parents with setting, completing and submitting homework as well as developing students' time management skills

Teachers will ensure that:

- homework is set and marked in line with the Homework Curriculum schedule and Assessment and Marking policy
- homework tasks are recorded on Bromcom
- homework tasks are wide-ranging, structured and appropriate to the age, ability and circumstances of the students, taking into account special educational needs
- a minimum of one week will be given for completion of homework in Key Stage 4
- students in Key Stage 3 will be set homework fortnightly by teachers and will be given exactly two weeks to complete their homework
- They clearly state the date for submission with students via Bromcom

Students will:

- check Bromcom daily
- ask or e-mail their teacher if they are unsure about any of the work set
- complete their homework to meet the deadline set
- hand their work in on time

Parents will:

- monitor homework by looking at the homework set on Bromcom regularly
- support their child by advising them on how to best manage their workload using the Homework Curriculum Schedule
- email their child's class teacher if an issue arises



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Amount of Homework

The amount of homework will vary according to the subject and year group. Students allocated time for homework is shown below.

Key Stage 3

Homework is set according to the following schedule:

WEEK A	English	Maths	Science
WEEK B	MFL	Geography	History

English, maths and science will set up to two hours of homework.

MFL, geography and history will set up to one hour of homework.

Additional homework tasks will be set by performance, art and DT, computer studies and RE up to twice per half term.

NB. Year 7 students will receive a reduced amount of homework in their first term.

Key Stage 4

Homework is set according to the following schedule:

WEEK A	Option subjects			
WEEK B	English	Maths	Science 1	Science 2

Each examined subject at Key Stage 4 will set approximately two hours of homework.

There will be a minimum of one week for completion (deadlines may vary depending on the subject).

- Key Stage 3 approximately one hour per night
- Key Stage 4 approximately one hour 35 minutes per night



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Students with SEN may have reasonable adjustments made to their set homework as appropriate. If students wish to develop their knowledge further, they may utilise the Super Curriculum package.

Further details are provided on the Assessment and Marking protocol sheet produced by each faculty.

Implementation/monitoring

Heads of Faculty will monitor homework by checking:

- students' work
- Bromcom
- Year 7 student planners

Senior Leadership Team will monitor homework through:

- line management meetings with Heads of Faculty
- students' books
- Quality Assurance measures

Evaluation

The policy will be reviewed annually as part of the Governing Body review process.

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