



Hanham Woods Academy

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Function	For information and guidance and incorporating the Academy's vision and core values. It forms part of the portfolio of policies designed to keep students safe, happy and cared for.
Status	Approved 8 th December 2020
Audience	Students, Parents, Councillors, Principal, Teachers, Support Staff, Local Authority
Ownership / Implementation	The Principal and the Academy Council have overall responsibility for ensuring that this policy is implemented.
Implementation Date	9 th December 2020
Review period	Annually
Last Reviewed	October 2025

History of most recent policy changes

Date	Page	Change	Origin of Change e.g. TU request, Change in legislation
21/11/2019		No Changes	
23/11/2020	4	Changes to year 7 and 9 homework	Change in homework policy as raised by teachers, pupils and parents.
15/11/21	4 and 5	Changes to year 8 homework to be in line with year 7 and 9. Change that all of KS3 also have 15 mins reading.	Success with year 7 and 9 homework policy so also used with yr8 so all KS3 have the same policy. Reflecting on literacy levels and importance to ensure pupils are reading as part of their home routines.
	6	Change of homework due dates for KS4	Staff and pupil feedback about not having a timetable which impacts their wellbeing as too many homeworks are due together.
7/11/23	5	Maths now using Sparx for all homework for year 7 and 8 due in each Wednesday	Request from Maths team to use online resource for yr7 and 8 with the intention for other years if this is successful
	5	Homework detentions are now sat in the library with access to computers.	Reduce disadvantaged gap and students are able to complete their homework with support from SLT and complete homework not due in yet so the cycle of non-completion does not continue.
20/6/24		No changes	
30/10/25	3	Homework now set on MCAS	CLF change of platform
	4	Removal of detentions for lack of homework. Intervention available in the library after school.	Current homework strategy is under revision and views of all stakeholders currently being sought.

We believe that independent learning is vital to achieving success and want to instil in all students the importance of lifelong learning. By having meaningful and manageable homework students can develop their confidence and self-discipline to work on their own, an essential skill for adult life

Consistent use of My Child At School (MCAS) to set and track homework submission enables us to achieve these aims.

1. **Manageable:** Home learning is set through MCAS. MCAS community resources, self-marking assessment and differentiation tools enable consistent setting of appropriate home learning activities that improve the quality of learning experience offered to pupils and extend it beyond the classroom environment. Homework set will take 30mins to complete for KS3 with a whole week to complete to ensure that pupils can fit this around their homelife and enrichment activities that they are involved with.
2. **Removing barriers:** Use of weekly homework timetables to ensure that a consistent approach is given with all teachers. Homework set is largely 'paper and pen' based to reduce issues with ICT access and general lack of equipment e.g. arts and craft equipment. Homework intervention is now set in the library with access to computers so that students can complete their homework and catch-up with their learning and reduce the gap between themselves and their peers.
3. **Motivating:** When planning home learning tasks we ask ourselves 'is it engaging, relevant and supportive of learning?' and also award character for completion and high quality work.

Always verbally acknowledge the effort and time that students have spent on homework – disadvantaged students overcome barriers to complete homework and need to be praised and encouraged to continue to do so

Homework for years 7, 8 and 9

For English, Science, Humanities and Modern Foreign languages:

Two-week homework timetable where on 'odd weeks' of school calendar;

- Teachers set homework during the lesson and on MCAS referring to the relevant numbers of keywords on the knowledge organiser and the type of tasks to complete e.g. 'look-cover-write-check' or similar.
- Pupils complete the work in their homework book due the following week.
- The homework due days of the week made into a timetable which is the same each 'odd week'
- Tutors check the homework completion and record using Bromcom to notify parents if incomplete
- Tutors award character points for continued completion of work each Friday
- Inclusion of 15 mins reading each day which is promoted by the school librarian.

Maths in year 7-9 to use Sparx online to set and receive data back to inform completion of task. Set and due on Wednesdays and maths teachers are recording detentions and rewards for this separately.

Example of a KS3 timetable is below. The days assigned to each subject should match the students timetable as much as possible.

Homework timetable – yr 7, 8 & 9 30mins per subject & 15 mins reading or more

"Do the little things right everyday"

Subject	Due on:
Science	Monday
Maths	Tuesday
MFL and RE	Wednesday
English	Thursday
Geography and History	Friday

Art, Music, Drama, Technology, PE, PSHE and ICT set occasional homework each term.

On 'even weeks';

- Subjects can decide which homework tasks to set but consider disadvantaged students and access to resources to complete these tasks
- Teachers are responsible for the days set and due
- Teachers may mark this homework or through whole class feedback

Some subjects may choose to only set 'odd week' homework.

For other subjects who have one or two lessons per week;

- Subjects use either the knowledge organiser based homework or alternative homework but ensure that both are used each term
- Teachers are responsible for the days set and due
- Teachers can also reward pupils through awarding character points
- Teachers may mark this homework or through whole class feedback

Homework for years 10 and 11

Homework will be set by class teachers. Students can expect weekly homework which may be marked by their teacher or whole class feedback may be provided.

In KS4 students follow a timetable to ensure homework is spread across the week. All KS4 homework has a one week deadline for completion.

KS4 timetable:

Year 10	
Monday	English
Tuesday	Option B + science
Wednesday	Option C + maths
Thursday	Option A
Friday	Option D
• Maths completed online using Sparx	

Year 11	
Monday	English
Tuesday	Option C
Wednesday	Option B + maths
Thursday	Option A
Friday	Option D + Science
• Maths completed online using Sparx	

Students who do not submit homework on time, or submit incomplete homework, will receive a notification on Bromcom. Parents will be notified using MCAS.