



Homework Policy

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Ascham School recognises that homework is part of the learning process and equips students with learning skills that will assist them in the future.

Homework is a valuable part of schooling. It allows for practising, extending and consolidating work done in class. Homework provides training for students in planning and organising time and develops a range of skills in identifying and using information resources. Additionally, it establishes habits of study, concentration and self-discipline.

Homework includes:

- preparation for class
- practice exercises
- assignments and other set work.

Teacher Guidelines

Guidance with respect to setting homework is provided to teachers either by their department heads or year co-ordinators and is regularly reviewed during the course of the academic year.

Based on this guidance, teachers are required to set homework that is appropriate to students' year level, relevant to the material being taught and useful for students' learning.

Student Guidelines

Students are expected to complete homework within the time set by the teacher.

In addition to set homework, students are expected to complete the necessary preparatory work and reading for classes.

Students will not be expected to spend more than the allocated time on homework, but are encouraged to pursue any additional academic or learning endeavours they are interested in.

Parent/Guardian Guidelines

The School works with parents and guardians in the education of their children. Parents/guardians can assist their children's learning by encouraging them to do their homework, and by helping them where necessary.

Parents/guardians who have concerns about their children's homework should, in the first instance, raise their concerns with the teacher. Refer to our Parent Communication and Involvement Policy.

To assist with their child's progress, parents should:

- Read with and to children
- Show an interest in homework
- Listen to reading daily
- Encourage learning of basic number facts including multiplication tables
- Encourage effective use of time
- Encourage neat presentation

Time Allocated For Homework

The School recognises the benefits of homework, but also recognises that excessive homework can have a negative effect.

The School has adopted the following guidelines for time to be allocated for homework:

- Hillingdon students are expected to undertake homework ranging from less than an hour a week in Kindergarten up to approximately two hours per week in Year 2. These time allocations include Reading and practice if the student learns an instrument.
- Fiona students are expected to complete about three hours of homework each week in Year 3 progressing up to about five hours of homework in Year 6. These time allocations include Reading and practice if the student learns an instrument.
- Senior School students are expected to complete up to 17.5 hours each week as they progress from Year 7 to Year 10.

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