

Homework at Christ the King College

Message to Parents/Carers

At Christ the King we pride ourselves on supporting our pupils to develop the skills necessary for the next steps in their educational journey. As a result we believe that independent study/homework is a vital part of that preparation.

Homework offers the opportunity for pupils to learn in a different context and use different resources from those in school. Home Learning is also an opportunity for parents and carers to support their child with learning. Homework at Christ the King is an important part of pupils' learning. Homework builds good independent study habits, as well as self-discipline and confidence. Homework prepares pupils for college, university and lifelong learning. Pupils are able to consolidate their knowledge and skills.

Homework supports learning over time by providing an opportunity to:

- consolidate knowledge;
- apply and practice subject specific skills in different contexts;
- enrich, enhance and widen experiences;
- complete work begun in class;
- carry out research and reading beyond the classroom;
- enable pupils to take responsibility for their own learning;
- develop pupils' independent learning skills;
- develop resourceful and resilient learners;
- encourage enquiry;
- develop areas of interest and curiosity;
- undertake learning in preparation for work in school.

Homework will be planned by teachers to develop learning and to link with the curriculum, to ensure that pupils meet and exceed age related expectations at Key Stage 3, and achieve their target grades at Key Stage 4. Teachers will plan a variety of homework tasks. These include research activities, written tasks, projects and revision. Teachers will set homework every week (where appropriate*).

The amount of homework set is manageable for pupils. At Key Stage 3 there will be 40 minutes per week for English, Maths and Science, with 20 minutes for other subjects. At Key Stage 4, there will be 60 minutes allocated for English, Maths and Science, with 30 minutes for other subjects.

Teachers will assess homework through self and peer assessment, as well as through teacher marking. Teachers will also give a grade for a homework record in the termly report to parents.

Parental support is important. Please discuss homework with your child. If there is a change in circumstances please let us know. Homework can be monitored through Google Classroom. Parents will also receive feedback on homework during parents' evenings.

Message to pupils

Homework is an important part of your learning. Homework develops your independent learning skills, which helps you with revision for exams, and prepares you for college and university. You will be expected to take responsibility for your own learning. Homework will be organised on Google Classroom by your teachers.

Your teachers will set homework every week. This homework may be set on Google Classroom. It is important that you complete homework by the deadlines set, in order to securely meet the standards of knowledge and understanding expected at your age. The homework tasks are planned by teachers to help you consolidate your knowledge and skills, and also to research new topics.

The homework you are given by teachers should be manageable. At Key Stage 3 there will be 40 minutes per week for English Maths and Science, with 20 minutes for other subjects. At Key Stage 4, there will be 60 minutes allocated for English Maths and Science, with 30 minutes for other subjects.

The type of tasks you may be given are as follows:

Revision for a short test

Completing a task which you have started in the lesson

“Flipped learning”: Reading or researching a new topic, before a lesson about that topic

Preparing a class presentation to show your learning to other pupils

Your homework will be checked through self and peer assessment, and also through teacher marking. You will frequently be given targets, which you will need to respond to in lessons, for example in DIRT time.

If homework is completed to a high standard, you will receive positive recognition, for example through rewards. If homework is not completed by the deadlines set, you will need to complete the homework in a detention.

*Some lessons are delivered once a fortnight so the homework will be issued accordingly.