

# Homework 2016-17



It is school policy for all students at **Moor Park High School & Sixth Form** to receive homework on a regular basis.

- Homework refers to tasks given to students by teachers to be completed outside of class, with the expectation that they will be completed at home. However provision is made for students who wish to complete their homework in school in the **Learning Resource Centre**, which is open to students at break, lunchtime and after school.
- The purpose of setting homework is:
  - to consolidate the learning which has taken place in the lesson
  - to develop skills or techniques learned in the classroom
  - to promote independent learning
  - to extend and develop knowledge
  - to conduct research or investigations
  - to prepare for a future lesson or topic or activity
  - to enrich and extend the school curriculum
  - to prepare students for external and internal exams
- Homework is set on a weekly basis in most subjects (with the exception of projects in Art, Performing Arts, Technology (DT & computing) at Key Stage 3. It is recommended that students spend approximately 30 minutes per subject in Years 7, 8 & 9 and 45 minutes per subject in Years 10 & 11.
- Homework should be appropriate to the age and ability of the student and may be differentiated.
- At the beginning of the year parents/carers receive a copy of the Homework Timetable with additional guidelines and advice on supporting their child and encouraging them to be actively involved in their child's homework.
- All teachers are expected to set homework/project according to the timetable to ensure students are not overloaded at any particular time
- Homework is set on line using '*showmyhomework*'. The homework is outlined in detail, stating how long a student should spend on completing it and the date it is due in. Related resources to support the completion of homework are attached. Copies of any worksheets are given to the pupils during the lesson.
- Students log in via the school website to view the homework set, see how long they should spend on it and when it is due in.
- Parents/carers have access to '*showmyhomework*'. They can view all the homework set for their child, the deadlines for submission and if any homework is overdue.
- Homework may not necessarily have a written outcome. It is entirely appropriate for homework to take the form of reading, research, revision, learning, preparation or thinking.
- If the homework given is research based or involves the completion of coursework/a project over several weeks, this must be stated clearly on '*showmyhomework*', with 'mini' deadlines identified.

- Where revision in preparation for examinations and assessments is set, this must also be recorded on '*showmyhomework*'.
- It is the responsibility of the subject teacher to take appropriate action if a student fails to complete homework.
- All subject teachers will be expected to keep a record of homework set for each teaching group. This may be requested from the Faculty Leader or by the Senior Leadership Team as part of Faculty/ Homework monitoring.