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Policy on homework

Following a successful pilot study between September 2018 and February 2019, the whole school is trialling a new method of feedback on classwork and homework. (The Trial guidelines are available under the Teaching and Learning section of this website.)

Principles that underpin the homework policy are:

- Homework is set to support progress.
- Independent study is an essential part of learning.
- Homework will take many forms.
- Homework will be regular and relevant
- Feedback will be meaningful and so lead to progress in learning.
- Homework will be accessible for parents and carers to see (SIMS app).

Each department has spent time developing approaches to homework which work best for their subject specialisms.

In Geography staff follows the Geography feedback trial guidelines to ensure that students have the opportunity to overcome any misconceptions.

In Year 7 and 8 staff set homework according to the scheme of work and all units end with a test/ assessment.

In Year 9 -11 staff use GCSE questions in class and for homework and all students complete end of unit tests

In sixth form students complete regular questions often preparing these at home and completing during timed conditions. All questions from exam boards.

Approaches to homework may not only vary between subjects but also according to age and ability of students.

Departmental policies and programmes of study show how homework takes place in that subject and how it supports progress. These policies can be accessed through the Curriculum section of the school website.