



Homework Policy

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2.0	Times for homework setting and submission stated in policy. Removal of Christmas term and Spring/Summer term for Year7 homework. Removal of KS3 requirement regarding homework submission.	November 2025

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The aims of the homework set at Witchford Village College:

1. To help students realise their potential;
2. To encourage the development of independent study;
3. To support and develop literacy across all subjects;
4. To provide opportunities for parents/carers to support the learning of their children.

Homework for all year groups and all subjects will be set weekly at 9am on a Monday morning. The deadline for all homework to be completed and submitted is 6pm on a Sunday afternoon. Students will have homework tasks set as an assignment on their individual class team on Microsoft Teams.

Students at KS3 in Year 7, 8 and 9 should spend the equivalent of approximately 30 minutes per subject per week.

Homework will be set each week as follows:

- Year 7 – English, Maths, Science, Languages, (and Humanities from Christmas onwards)
- Year 8 – English, Maths, Languages, Science, Humanities
- Year 9 – English, Maths, Languages, Science, Humanities, Art

Students at KS4 in Year 10 & 11 should spend approximately 45 minutes per subject per week.

- Year 10 – All core subjects and option choices
- Year 11 – All core subjects and option choices

Teachers will give sufficient lesson time to homework to ensure students understand what they are expected to do. Years 7 to 9 will not be set homework during the holidays unless there are exceptional circumstances that require it, for example, revision for a test or work to catch up. Teachers may suggest holiday enrichment activities for students in Years 7 to 9, such as visits to places of interest or subject-based reading. Class teachers will decide whether to set homework for Years 10 and 11 during the holidays.

Responsibility for Homework, Support and Sanctions

It is the responsibility of the student to complete homework on time and hand it in. The exception to this is if a student is absent: students in Years 7-9 are encouraged to complete homework if they are absent, but it is not compulsory to do so; students in Years 10 -11 must complete homework within an agreed time if they are absent.

If a student does not submit their homework by the required time, the class teacher will record this on Edulink. This logging communicates that the homework has not been submitted on time to parents. These homework logs are analysed centrally and can lead to 'homework' detentions which are sat in homework club which runs each week in an IT room.

In Years 10 and 11 if homework submission persists, the student may be required to attend weekly homework club for further support. The school will determine the length of time to be spent in this homework support club. If the homework collected in is not deemed a good effort by the teacher, the teacher will log this in the same way as a task that has not been submitted on time. Teachers may decide to allow a student to further improve a piece of homework, even if it is a best effort, to allow the opportunity to achieve a higher mark/grade/level.

Feedback

Students will receive feedback in a variety of means dependent on the subject. The feedback may be instantaneous and automated as part of the homework platform. Alternatively, the feedback may be given verbally to students in class. Completion of the homework will be recorded by the teacher on Edulink.