



Wayland Academy Homework Policy

Homework for KS3 should be set in the form of Home Learning Projects (HLPs), in line with the HLP Calendar. This can be found on the school website. The majority of homework projects are expected to take 5 hours to complete and will be the only homework set by that subject. However there are some exceptions to this rule please see below.

English – will be setting two hour projects each half term in response to feedback from parents that English homework needed to be more regular.

Design Technology (including art) – reserve the right to set small pieces of homework during the year these will take no than 10 minutes to complete. Students can also enter voluntary competitions throughout the year which may set some additional homework.

Physical Education – will set a project which is two and half hours in duration.

Modern Foreign Languages – will set a two and a half hour project and will set vocabulary homework regularly.

In short, Home Learning Projects should:

- Include a pro-forma that outlines the tasks and any learning objectives/outcomes.
- Make reference to the amount of time students should spend on any particular task.
- Include success criteria which students can use for reflection.
- Provide opportunities for peer and self-assessment.
- Involve teacher feedback which allows for a dialogue between the teacher and student.
- Provide opportunities for students to explore literacy and numeracy.

All homework should be uploaded onto Show My Homework.

Aims of homework and Home Learning Projects (HLPs)

All forms of homework should enable pupils to:

- Access resources not available in the classroom.
- Develop research skills.

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- Have an opportunity for independent work.
- Show progress and understanding.
- Provide feedback in the evaluation of teaching.
- To enhance their study skills e.g. planning, time management and self-discipline.
- To take ownership and responsibility for learning.
- Engage parental co-operation and support.
- Create channels for home school dialogue.

Some examples of the types of homework might be:

- Independent learning
- Practice - learning by doing
- Research
- Reading
- Interviews
- Drawing
- Using ICT
- Recording

What should be considered when setting homework?

- It should not be used as a punishment or penalty for poor performance.
- Home Learning Projects at KS3 should be set departmentally so that all students receive the same experience and opportunities for success. This will also allow for moderation of homework and for progress to be measured.
- A variety of tasks with different levels of challenge is likely to be beneficial and is expected within Home Learning Projects.
- The quality of homework is more important than the quantity. Pupils should receive feedback on homework which is specific and timely.
- Have you made the purpose of homework clear to children? e.g. to increase a specific area of knowledge, or fluency in a particular area.
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Independent Learning at KS4

- Homework for KS4 will be set at least once a fortnight by the class teacher. The amount of homework set may vary at different times of the year due to demands therefore if your child has not been set any direct homework they are expected to complete revision or wider reading around the topic they are course studying. Please refer to the topic timetable for each which can be found on the website.

Recording homework

All homework set to students at Wayland Academy should be recorded via Show My Homework.

What is Show My Homework?

Show My Homework is a simple homework calendar the school will be using to ensure homework is set and communicated with parents across the school. Teachers can use it to set homework quickly and ensure the learners and parents always have the information they need about homework available via the Web, Mobile and Tablet devices.

How can homework be accessed?

Homework can be accessed by teachers, students and parents in the following ways:

- Please go to waylandacademy.showmyhomework.co.uk - There is no login required to see the school homework calendar. You can see homework that is set across the school and then use the filters to find what you are looking for.
- A personalised homework calendar is available for all users including students and parents. Once you login, you can only see your own homework schedule.
- There are iPhone and Android apps available for free for students and parents.
- The Show My Homework service is available and works on all devices using a modern browser such as IE 8+, Safari, Chrome and Firefox.
- All staff members should have a log in for Show My Homework. This allows teachers to set homework and also the facility to show when homework has been handed in, and the mark awarded for the homework.

Responsibilities

The role of the pupil:

- To listen to homework instructions in class.
- To visit the school homework calendar via the school website.
- To download the Apple or Android app if they have a smart phone to see their homework.
- To copy down instructions for the task and deadline date into the homework diary.
- To ensure that homework is completed and handed in to meet the deadline.
- To attempt all work and give their best.
- To inform the class teacher of any difficulties.

The role of the Form Tutor:

- To include homework in pupil mentoring where appropriate.
- To see that homework is being set and recorded via the Show My Homework reports.
- To check the students know where to access the school homework.
- To note and respond to any comments written in diaries by parents.

The role of the Class Teacher:

- The class teacher controls the direction of homework and the nature of tasks undertaken.
- Ensures that homework is set on Show My Homework for all classes.
- Set homework according to the HLP timetable and to ensure that regular weekly homework is set for KS4 students.
- Provide the stimulus.
- Give full and comprehensive instructions.
- Set deadlines for completed work and ensure that they are met.
- Mark and return all homework promptly.
- Provide help and support.
- Inform the Subject Lead/Lead Professional and Head of Faculty, Tutor and Head of House, as appropriate, when problems arise.

The role of the Pastoral/Subject Leader/Lead Professional/Head of Faculty:

- To seek to enhance the quality of homework set.
- To monitor and evaluate homework policy within their curriculum area.
- To praise accordingly student that consistently do homework and highlight the learners that need support.

The role of SLT member responsible for homework:

- To provide staff, pupils and parents with the necessary homework documentation.
- To develop classroom practice to enhance homework across the school.
- To review on a termly basis the school homework policy.
- To monitor and evaluate the school homework policy.

Monitoring of Homework

Homework is very much a school-wide topic. Therefore it requires a consistent approach across the school. To ensure that everyone meets the homework guidelines set, there are the following options to monitor homework:

Classroom teachers / tutors:

- Using Show My Homework teachers can keep a record of all the homework set daily, weekly, termly and yearly.
- Teachers can keep a record of student submissions to see quickly who has completed or missed homework deadlines.
- Teachers can search for any student they teach or at the school and see the homework the student has been set at any time.
- All teaching staff have access to the school homework reports which are designed to save time and can be exported to Excel.

Middle leaders/pastoral leaders:

- Use the homework reports provided by Show My Homework to see how much / little homework has been set in the department quickly and accurately.
- Identify learners that are persistently missing deadlines.
- As a head of department / head of house or pastoral leader, see quickly how your cohort is engaging with homework across subjects.
- Deep dive into the quality of homework set by colleagues in your department at any time without having to request for homework samples.
- Use the homework reports to ensure homework is consistently set and the quality is up to the standard and expectations required.
- Ensure colleagues in your department save time by encouraging collaboration and using homework already created by the department more effectively.

Inclusion staff / support:

- Use the homework reports provided by Show My Homework to see how much / little homework individual learners have been set.

- See very quickly what homework individual learners have been set and be able to share this information quickly and effectively with parent/carers.
- Use Show My Homework to plan relevant support and preparation work required to support the learners more effectively.

Students:

- Show My Homework makes it easy to for students to see how much homework and the details of homework they have at any given time via:
 - The school website (no login required)
 - By logging in, the student can see a personalised homework calendar.
 - By downloading the iPhone or Android app, students get reminders and push notifications about homework deadlines.
 - By setting up their email, students can also receive email notifications and reminders.
 - Show My Homework also works on all modern browsers and devices and also with a 3G connection ensuring homework is accessible anytime, anywhere.
- Students have the option to print homework at school should the resources not be available at home.
- Students can look at the homework calendar to plan their time better and avoid missing deadlines.

Parents:

- Show My Homework makes it easy to for parents to monitor school homework via:
 - The school website (no login required)
 - By logging in, the parent/carer can see a personalised homework calendar.
 - By downloading the iPhone or Android app, parents get reminders and push notifications about homework deadlines for the learner.
 - By setting up their email, parents can also receive email notifications and reminders. Show My Homework also works on all modern browsers and devices and also with a 3G connection ensuring homework is accessible anytime, anywhere.
- Parents can also scroll back historically to see what homework has been set.

Sanctions

As of this year each Homework project set in KS3 will be given a point value of a minimum of one. If the students hand their project in completed on the day of the deadline they will be awarded 1 positive point on class charts. However if they fail to hand in their homework or it is not completed to an acceptable standard they will be awarded 1 negative point. The students who fail to hand in their homework can be awarded further negative points if they fail to hand in their project the next day. If students fail to hand in three pieces of homework in a row completed to an acceptable standard then they will be placed on a tracker for ten school days.

The policy below is for KS3:

- 1) If students fail to miss the first deadline given to them, they should be issued with a second deadline. This should be within 2 working days, following the first deadline.
- 2) If students fail to meet the second deadline, then this should be recorded on class charts. A departmental detention should also be set. Parents should be informed of this. There should be the expectation that students STILL complete the HLP. If they fail to do so by the detention date, then the detention should be long enough so that students have time to finish some/all of the HLP. This should be enough for students work to be assessed and feedback to be given.
- 3) If students fail to attend the first detention, then a detention should be set with the Subject Lead/Lead Professional/Class Teacher for that subject.
- 4) If students fail to attend the second detention, then a faculty after school detention should be scheduled and arranged with parents.

Please remember that the idea behind this is to ensure that we are giving students the support required to complete homework, whilst still giving the expectation that homework will be done. There will be circumstances where students don't have the appropriate conditions at home required to complete homework. It is therefore imperative that a lack of homework is recorded on class charts and progress tutors notified so that we can put support in place.

If you are having reoccurring problems with a student failing to complete homework, please notify the Progress Leader and HLP Co-Ordinator.

Homework CPD:

CPD is available throughout the year on how to use Show My Homework. Please contact help@showmyhomework.co.uk to schedule a tutorial.

If you encounter any problems with the setting or management of homework, or if you have any further questions or issues, please see ML: mlearoyd@waylandacademy.org.uk