



Darton High School

Homework Policy



Homework is set to reinforce and extend the learning taking place within the classroom, for students to cement and deepen their subject knowledge, practice the skills taught and widen the range of learning opportunities. It is the responsibility of staff to set appropriate homework regularly, of students to complete it on time and fully, and parents/carers with form tutors to monitor its setting and completion. This document, the timetable, departmental homework policies and extension activities will be published and on the school website.

It is expected that teachers will set homework according to the timetable and students will complete it by the deadline given; work will then be marked (according to departmental policy) and returned to students within one week (unless a piece of heavily annotated coursework in KS4 when the deadline is a maximum of 2 weeks). It is expected that homework (with the deadline for completion) will be noted in planners on a weekly basis, even when it is an ongoing project. All homework should be clearly marked and returned to students within one week of its submission.

KS3 students

Subject areas set homework on a weekly basis, following the homework timetable; homework tasks set by the subject teacher should last for a minimum of 30 minutes. Exceptions to this are listed below. Examples of the kind of tasks students will be required to undertake are available in departments and on the school website. If a student wishes to reinforce or extend their knowledge then extension activities are published; these may also be used in the event that homework is not set or is completed in less than the ½ hour allotted time, due to exceptional unforeseen circumstances. It is expected that in addition to set tasks students will revise and revisit their work regularly, particularly as they approach examination periods.

KS4 students

Every subject area sets homework on a weekly basis, following the homework timetable; homework tasks set by the subject teacher should last for a minimum of 1 hour, although some double or triple weighted subjects will set additional work to reflect this. Students should be spending 2 hours per night on homework/supplementary studies; any remaining time should be used constructively. If a student wishes to reinforce or extend their learning, or there is time remaining, then extension activities are published with the departmental policies; these may also be used in the event that homework is not set or is completed in less than the allotted time, due to exceptional unforeseen circumstances. It is expected that in addition to set tasks students will revise and revisit their work regularly, particularly as they approach examination periods.

Form Tutors

It is the responsibility of form tutors to ensure that students are aware of homework expectations, as well as the extension activities available. Form Tutors should also ensure that all students are aware of the homework timetable and have noted it in their planners. Planners should be signed weekly by parent/carers and the form tutor not only to provide a channel of communication between home and school, but also to ensure that the required amount of homework has been set and completed. Also, form tutors should discuss with students the length of time spent on homework to ensure the appropriate amount is completed and what additional activities can be undertaken to supplement their studies (i.e. reading, designing mind maps etc.)

Subject specific information

- PE, Dance and Drama do not set homework unless it is taken as a GCSE option in KS4
- Careers do not set homework
- RE homework is set every 2 weeks