

## Ashlawn homework policy for Key Stage 3 (Years 7 and 8)

### Why is homework set at Ashlawn?

- To expand on learning in the classroom, developing a depth of knowledge and understanding
- To consolidate knowledge and understanding by reviewing and applying knowledge and understanding
- To develop revision skills to commit key ideas to memory.
- To develop independence and organisation skills for Key Stage 4 and beyond.
- To develop a home school partnership where parents and guardians have an insight into learning in specific subject areas.

### Teachers will

Set purposeful homework activities related to **preparation, application** and **response**

**Preparation** activities will support students in getting ready for learning in lessons. Activities could include research, reading, investigating issues, revision techniques to memorise subject specific knowledge.

**Application** activities will enable students to use knowledge and understanding and subject specific skills. Activities could include practising skills to prepare for an assessment, consolidation of learning in the classroom, using knowledge and understanding in different contexts.

**Response** activities will allow students to respond to personal feedback to develop knowledge and understanding and skills to make progress in specific subject areas. Activities could include working on a specific target, redrafting or editing work already completed, developing a new skill.

Give students appropriate notification for homework to be completed.

Ensure homework is self, peer or teacher assessed and feedback given.

Ensure that homework activities targeted at preparation, application or response are clearly recorded in students' planners.

### Students should

Complete homework on time to the best of their ability.

Log details of homework activities based on preparation, application or response and due date in their planners.

Challenge themselves to improve and make progress.

Seek help before the deadline if they are unsure of how to complete homework activities.

Make use of homework support opportunities in school.

Discuss homework with parents.

### Parents and guardians can

Support students with homework activities.

Use homework as an opportunity to discuss learning.

Support students to explore wider issues raised by homework.

Contact subject teachers if there are queries regarding homework activities.

Year 7 and 8 homework		
Subject	Time	Description
English	40 minutes per week.	Homework will be set by class teachers to consolidate and extend learning. Homework could be set as one or two pieces of homework in a week.
Mathematics	40 minutes per week.	Homework will be set by class teachers to consolidate learning. Homework tasks are available on the school website and could be one or two pieces of homework in a week.
Science	60 minutes per week. 20 minutes per science subject.	Homework will be set by class teachers and split between the different subjects of physics, chemistry and biology.
French and German	40 minutes for students studying two languages. 20 minutes per language.  30 minutes for students studying one language.	Homework will be set by class teachers which will be set to consolidate and extend learning. Homework could be set as one or two pieces of homework in a week.
Geography	30 minutes every fortnight	Homework will be set by class teachers which will consolidate and extend learning.
History	30 minutes every fortnight	Homework will be set by class teachers which will consolidate and extend learning.
Art	60 minutes each month	Homework will be set by class teachers and tasks are available on the school website.
D.T.	60 minutes per half term	Homework will be set by class teachers from a menu for the specific design and technology area being studied which will include activities to be completed each half term.
Music, P.H.S.E, I.T and computing		Homework will be set on some occasions to consolidate and extend learning.

Students will be expected to read as part of their homework experience.