



HOMWORK POLICY

At Plantsbrook we believe that regular homework is vital to effective learning because it extends what can be done in class. Therefore it is important that all students complete it on time and conscientiously. Failure to do so may result in a detention to catch up. Students who have difficulty in understanding homework should always see the teacher for help well before the deadline for completion.

The homework timetable is both simple and flexible:

Regularity:

Every subject will set one homework a week. However one or two subjects, like French and Maths, may need to be split into two, setting it on different nights.

Timetable

Each subject will set its homework on the day on which it is taught. Where the subject is taught on more than one day a week, the teacher will choose on which day it is most appropriate.

Date to be Handed In

Most subjects will allow several days for it to be completed so that students can organise on which night it will be done, thus enabling them to spread the workload. As many subjects in Years 7, 8 and 9 only have one lesson a week, they will usually ask for it to be completed by the next lesson.

Time per Subject

The time to be spent on the homework will depend on the amount of time the subject is taught each week. However these times can only be estimates as different students often work at different speeds.

Guidelines from DfE: time per week (in minutes)

	Year 7 & 8	Year 9	Years 10 & 11
English	45	60	90
Maths	45	60	90
Science	45	60	120
Technology	45	60	60
Modern Languages	45	60	60
Geography	20	30	60
History	20	30	60
Art	20	30	60
Drama	20	30	60
R.E.	20	30	60 *
Music	20	30	60
I.T.	N/A	N/A	60
Business Studies	N/A	N/A	60
P.E.	N/A	N/A	60 *

*GCSE courses only. Year 12 would be expected to do at least 3 hours and Year 13 at least 5 hours of work outside of lessons per subject per week, including independent study.

Checking Homework

It is easy to see whether homework has been set by glancing at the current week's diary in the student planner where every subject should be represented and at the homework summary pages towards the back of the diary. Students should make a point of ensuring that homework details are written in the planner. Teachers should try to set it before the end of the lesson, write it on the board and ask students to copy it into their planners. Homework can also be done during lunchtimes in the classrooms that staff offer for supervised study or quiet reading. What matters is that it is done fully, to the best of the student's ability.