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Homework

Why do we set homework?

Independent study is an integral part of the learning process at Christ's College. Students should have homework set on a regular basis that is meaningful and appropriate to their age and stage. This is recorded on an online portal (e.g. Arbor MIS) with a clear and appropriate deadline.

Homework is set in order to:

- Consolidate, reinforce and extend what students know, understand and can do in the classroom.
- Develop the essential independent study skills that will ensure that strong academic outcomes and success are achieved by all students.
- Involve parents and carers in students' learning.
- Encourage students to develop the skills, confidence, motivation and self-discipline needed to study effectively as independent and life-long learners.

Regularity of Homework

The quantity of homework pupils will complete each week can vary depending on the curriculum time allocation for each subject, the age range of the pupils and the nature of the homework task. As a learning community, we believe it is essential that all homework tasks are meaningful and manageable for pupils. The emphasis is on the quality of homework rather than the quantity. As a guide, students will receive 30 minutes of homework per week for English, Maths, Science and MFL in Years 7 to 9 and 30 minutes per fortnight for all of the other subjects. In Years 10 and 11 all subjects will set at least 45 minutes of homework per week.

Types of Homework

Examples of preparation homework tasks could include reading and research in advance of a new topic, engaging with online apps and video clips in advance of learning or preparation of pre-topic questions. Examples of consolidation homework tasks could include creating mind maps or other revision aids to consolidate learning, learning of key knowledge or vocabulary for a test, answering an examination style question, feed forward improvement work or completion of an online task to check understanding.

School Library and Homework Club

The school library is open during break and lunchtime whilst homework club runs in the Atrium Hub every day from 3.15pm to 4.15pm. These areas provide supervised and quiet spaces for students to complete independent study on their Chromebooks and/or using library resources.

Rewards and Sanctions

All homework should be completed on time and will be assessed and rewarded through the house point system which parents will be able to view on the Arbor Parent Portal.

If homework is not completed a C2 will be awarded for "no homework" and students will be expected to complete a no homework detention the following working day, for 20 minutes. If homework is not of an adequate standard, a C1 will be issued.