



ACS (International) Homework Policy

Homework is an essential part of the learning process which informs on-going teacher assessment and reporting. Research suggests that the relationship between the amount and quality of student homework and achievement is positive and statistically significant. (See *Cooper, Robinson, and Patall, 2006*)

Homework is defined as activities designed to be completed outside the classroom as an extension or elaboration of the work that has taken place inside the classroom.

The School requires that all homework be completed by the given deadline.

Teachers assign homework on a regular basis to help students:

- Review and practice what they have learned
- Prepare for the next lesson
- Learn to use resources e.g. Internet, libraries, reference materials and texts
- Explore subjects more fully than is possible within the classroom
- Develop self-discipline, responsibility and time management skills

Teachers will assign homework tasks that have a specific purpose and which have clear instructions.

Years 1 and 2

Students will receive homework twice a week (core subjects) and once a week in all other subjects.

This is allocated according to a timetable.

Homework set is designed to take the student 30 minutes for each subject.

Should there be any variation to this pattern students will be informed.

The objective of a homework task will be clearly explained to the student.

Years 3 and 4 – IGCSE Programme

Homework is set once a week in all subjects and twice a week for English Language and Literature according to a timetable.

Homework tasks are designed to take the student one hour for each subject.

Should there be any variation to this pattern students will be informed.

The objective of a homework task will be clearly explained to the student.

Years 5 and 6 – International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme

Teachers will assign homework tasks that have a specific purpose and which come with clear instructions that are well-matched to the demands of the IB programme.

Communication between students and teachers is essential to ensure that homework tasks are reasonably balanced and that sufficient time is allocated for the completion of homework tasks.

Homework deadlines at times of high pressure can be negotiated between teacher and students. If a student is unable to complete a homework task on time, it is essential that they speak to their teacher in advance of the lesson when the reasons for this can be discussed and disciplinary procedures can be avoided.

It will be made clear to students when a deadline is not negotiable i.e. in the case of IA submissions and other significant stages of preparing work directly related to final IBDP grades.

IBDP HOMEWORK TIMETABLE

In the IBDP there is no specific homework timetable.

Homework is given in every subject at least once a week.

It is expected that IB students will spend several hours every night working on homework assignments.

If homework is required for the next day this should be of a reasonable length.

In addition to the internal assessment deadlines teachers will communicate the timing of larger homework tasks with each other.