

Homework Policy

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1. Strategy statement

- 1.1 At Thomas Deacon Academy, we believe that every student needs regular opportunities to learn beyond lesson time, independently of the teacher, if they are to realise their full potential.
- 1.2 All students are given access to sufficient learning resources for them to do all tasks set, whether they be completed in school or at home, regardless of their home access to ICT.

2. Scope

- 2.1 This policy refers to all teachers and all students in all key stages.

3. Responsibility

- 3.1 Students have a responsibility to check homework deadlines and requirements and to make a work plan in accordance with deadlines. Students must complete homework as fully as possible and hand it in on time in compliance with expectations stated on Show My Homework.
- 3.2 Teachers have a duty to set all homework in line with the frequency required by this policy, to record it on Show My Homework and to specify for students and parents the detail of what is expected, the due date and the means by which the task will be assessed.
- 3.3 Tutors have a duty to monitor on a weekly basis that the student is being organised and completing work to the required standard. Parents are required to monitor Show My Homework and to raise any queries with the tutor as early as possible.
- 3.4 The subject leader of each relevant subject is responsible for defining the nature of the tasks set and the standard expected. Heads of Department have responsibility for monitoring quality and compliance within their own subject areas and ultimately the relevant Vice Principal/Assistant Principal has responsibility for overall consistency of practice across Departments.

4. Procedures

- 4.1 In KS3 (Y7-9), teachers will set tasks once a week for Maths, English and Science. For all other subjects, tasks will be set once a fortnight. The night chosen will be at the discretion of the teacher. Tasks will be designed to take approximately 30 minutes. Students in Achievement Support undertake a homework project every term.
- 4.2 In KS4 (Y10-11), teachers will also set tasks once a week for Maths, English and Science. For all other subjects, tasks will be set at least once a fortnight, but teachers may set an additional task per fortnight at their discretion. Tasks are designed to take up to one hour. Where subjects are involved in project work or portfolio work with long

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deadlines, teacher will monitor Show My Homework on a fortnightly basis.

- 4.3 In KS5 (Y12-13), teachers will set tasks as and when appropriate at the teacher's discretion.