

## Holy Trinity Catholic School

### Homework policy (updated May 2025)

Homework should make a valuable contribution to the education and development of children. The purpose of homework at Holy Trinity is to ultimately, raise the standard of achievement. It will provide opportunities for students to work independently and to take responsibility for organising their work, building on the school wide progress made in using Microsoft Teams (and other online platforms) during the Covid 19 pandemic. It will help students recognise the link between good study habits and higher standards of achievement with the aim of developing good study habits for future destinations.

Homework can be used to ensure that students have understood class work; consolidating or extending work covered in school. In some cases it may be used to prepare for future lessons.

It will also allow more extensive coverage of the curriculum, through integrated planning of class work and homework while also helping parents understand what their children are learning in school and to encourage them to participate in that learning.

Each faculty is responsible for adhering to the whole school Homework Policy and practice. Teachers should:

- **In subjects with 3+ hours per week, set one piece of homework weekly. In lessons taught less frequently, either every two or three weeks at the discretion of the Head of Faculty**
- **Plan homework as an integral part of the curriculum. Homework should be referred to and relevant within the lesson it is due for completion.**
- **Set homework online via Microsoft Teams (or other online platforms such as Languagenut, Seneca, Mathswatch etc) or paperbased. Homework should be adapted so that all pupils are able to access it.**
- **Set tasks that can be completed within the allocated time and that are as far as possible matched to the abilities of students in the group. Learning tasks that then feed into low stakes testing in class are also recommended as effective homework.**
- **Position the setting of homework so that it is set within the context of the topic being studied or as a review of previous topics covered.**
- **Ensure that homework is monitored.**
- **Make sure that students understand what the homework is and that they record it correctly in their notebooks if they are not on the student portal. This is particularly key for our SEND pupils.**

- **Give a reasonable time for its completion (normally 3-5 days).**

Homework should be discussed with parents at Parents' Evenings and also forms part of the organisations strand in data captures. All students will have an orange notebook in which to record homework but the expectation is that pupils use the student portal to access the tasks and deadlines that have been set. Heads of Departments will monitor homework and effective practice will be shared at Departmental Meetings.

Following a homework review by all faculties, the following was agreed;

- H3 is now reinstated on Bromcom. This is used by all staff to log missed homework and will result in a 30 minute detention on either Monday, Tuesday or Thursday. Where a pupil has multiple H3/L3/C3 consequences on any one day, they will sit an hour long detention on either a Tuesday or Thursday.
- BFLs are added for a good attempt at a homework and more if the homework is of a high quality. Images of any exemplary pieces of homework to be sent to CHE to add to the website and GSM for Twitter.
- Certificates and letters home will be organised for pupils with an exemplary homework record. Likewise, letters of concern will be sent home for pupils with 10 or more homework sanctions in a term.