



# KING JAMES I ACADEMY

## Homework Policy

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Homework is any work or activity which students are asked to do outside lesson time either on their own, as part of a group or with parents or carers.

The purpose of homework

- To encourage students to develop the confidence and self-discipline to work on their own, and in some cases collaboratively
- To promote independence an essential skill for adult life
- To consolidate and reinforce skills and understanding
- To extend school learning, for example through additional reading
- To support the development of research and study skills
- To improve basic skills (especially in relation to literacy and numeracy)
- To enable students to devote time to particular demands such as coursework (controlled assessment preparation) or project work
- To support the home/school learning support relationship

It is recognised that the nature of homework will vary depending upon the subject's learning focus and therefore these guidelines are a starting point. Nevertheless in all cases students will be expected to have a Planner and a manageable system for the completion of homework which extends learning and adds value to the educational process.

All homework must be recorded onto SIMS to allow for teaching staff, parents and students to access, monitor and support a consistent approach. Student's to also record homework in their planner, whatever form it takes, and it is the teacher's responsibility to ensure that time is allowed for homework to be set and/or tasks distributed.

Every homework is to be set at basic + extension (for example: Carry out research which helps you to present five factors which have contributed to the growth in mobile phone use in C21 / explain the limitations of current mobile phone technology).

### Guidelines for the Setting of Homework:

Taught Periods per Week	Minimum Homework Set
1	One per fortnight
2	One per week
3	One per week
4	Two per week
5	Two per week
6	Two per week

Year Group	Average Homework Duration
7	15 minutes
8	20 minutes
9	20 minutes
10	30 minutes
11	30 minutes
Sixth Form	As Appropriate

## **Homework / Classwork Marking**

Homework should, when completed and where appropriate, be assessed using the following grading guidelines:

- KS3 – Levels / Sub-Levels (2A / 2B / 2C) – GCSE equivalent numerical grades
- KS4 – Grade equivalents / Sub-Levels (Numerical Grades / Sub-Levels)
- KS5 – Grade equivalent (A\* to E)
- Vocational grades to be converted, not reported as P/M/D/D\*
- Feedback on all assessed homework should be provided within a week of its completion and should identify ways in which work can be improved.

## **Types of homework**

Homework might include such things as:

- Writing assignments.
- Learning assignments.
- Preparing an oral presentation.
- Reading in preparation for a lesson.
- Finding out information/researching a project.
- Revision
- Completion of an online test

## **Non-completion of homework**

When three pieces of homework are not complete, appropriate action will be taken using a SIMS report.

Tutors will be responsible for making a phone call to parents to encourage them to support their child in completing missed homework and an extension will be given.

Students will bring completed homework to tutors who will check before students return to these to class teachers.

If homework is still not complete tutors will inform Heads of Year and they will set an after school detention.

If students persistently fail to hand in homework Heads of Year are to call a meeting with the students and their parents.

Next steps are to inform SLT if the above is not successful and further intervention will take place. (SLT Detention/Parental Meeting)

## **Quality Assurance**

Checks should be carried out by the following members of staff to ensure that homework is being set, completed and marked:

- Classroom Teacher
- Directors of Learning – Calendared quality assurance check
- Tutors – As part of their QA processes
- Senior Leadership Team – As a normal part of their Departmental scrutiny and the Year Group Inspections.