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CATHOLIC COLLEGE
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Home Learning Policy for Main School

Owner: Associate Headteacher

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Aim of Home Learning

“Learning at home is an essential part of good education. Teacher set homework and plan other out-of-class activities to consolidate and extend the knowledge and understanding pupils have acquired” – Teacher Standard 4.3, September 2019

Quantity of Homework

Each subject sets one piece of home learning per week for the time indicated below:-

Year 7 Minimum 20 minutes

Year 8 Minimum 25 minutes

Year 9 Minimum 30 minutes

Year 10 Minimum 45 minutes

Year 11 Minimum 45 minutes

Setting of Home Learning

Home Learning is an integral part of the scheme of work. Teaching staff should set Home Learning in accordance with college published timetable. Pupils should record their Home Learning in their Pupil diaries and teachers should check this is being done. When pupils have extra learning needs, care should be taken that pupils have enough time and support to record their Home Learning accurately. Teachers should keep an accurate record of Home Learning set either in lesson planners.

Home Learning Tasks

If home learning is to support and extend classroom opportunities then it must go be relevant, meaningful and go beyond merely finishing off classwork. Home Learning needs to be part of the planned opportunities for either consolidating prior learning or laying the foundations for new learning. This will often mean practising a newly acquired skill; applying skills in new contexts; extending knowledge further through independent investigation and inquiry. Home Learning tasks should be varied. Suggestions include:

- Problem solving to test understanding of class work
- Questions to review class work
- Preparation for forthcoming lessons
- Research to find additional information
- Reading
- Project work
- Re cap previous Learning
- Research

Monitoring of Homework

Heads of Department, as part of Performance Management, have the responsibility of monitoring the quantity and quality of home learning being set within their departmental areas. Sanctions for pupils not completing home learning are outlined in the behaviour policy and feedback in the rewards policy

Alternatives to the Written and Marked Homework

Sometimes there are tasks which are meaningful but which do not involve the pupils producing another piece of writing to be marked.

Departments should be able to adapt this list to the needs of their own subject area.

- Doing a first draft of a piece of writing which will be re-worked in class by the pupil
- Editing a piece of writing, overwriting the original with changes, improvements, corrections
- Making plans such as mind map
- Making notes for a talk to the class
- Practicing a talk to the class
- Learning information for a test
- Finding out small bits of information
- Reading ahead in a text book
- Use of websites such as SENECA, Tassomai, Hegarty Maths & Mathswatch

Home Learning Timetable for Year 7 2019/2020

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7GMM	GEOGRAPHY COMPUTING	HISTORY	MATHS CREATIVE TECH.	RE LANGUAGES	ENGLISH SCIENCE
7GM	GEOGRAPHY LANGUAGES	RE	MATHS CREATIVE TECH.	COMPUTING HISTORY	ENGLISH SCIENCE
7VV	RE GEOGRAPHY COMPUTING	-	MATHS CREATIVE TECH.	HISTORY LANGUAGES	ENGLISH SCIENCE
7IL	LANGUAGES HISTORY	RE	MATHS CREATIVE TECH.	COMPUTING GEOGRAPHY	ENGLISH SCIENCE
7RA	LANGUAGES COMPUTING	GEOGRAPHY	MATHS CREATIVE TECH.	RE HISTORY	ENGLISH SCIENCE
7JW	ENGLISH RE	COMPUTING HISTORY	MATHS CREATIVE TECH.	GEOGRAPHY	LANGUAGES SCIENCE
7SB	ENGLISH	COMPUTING LANGUAGES	MATHS CREATIVE TECH.	HISTORY GEOGRAPHY	RE SCIENCE
7SH	ENGLISH RE	COMPUTING	MATHS CREATIVE TECH.	HISTORY LANGUAGES	GEOGRAPHY SCIENCE
7LP	ENGLISH	COMPUTING RE	MATHS CREATIVE TECH.	GEOGRAPHY LANGUAGES	HISTORY SCIENCE
7HR	ENGLISH HISTORY	COMPUTING	MATHS CREATIVE TECH.	LANGUAGES	GEOGRAPHY SCIENCE
7EC	ENGLISH RE	COMPUTING GEOGRAPHY	MATHS CREATIVE TECH.	HISTORY	LANGUAGES SCIENCE

Deadline is determined by the class teacher. Pupils are expected to complete the work on the day it is set. Each piece of work is approximately 30 minutes in length.

Home Learning Timetable for Year 8 2019/2020

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8B1	RE COMPUTING	SCIENCE MATHS	LANGUAGES CREATIVE TECH.	ENGLISH HISTORY ART	GEOGRAPHY
8CS	RE COMPUTING	SCIENCE MATHS	LANGUAGES CREATIVE TECH.	ENGLISH HISTORY ART	GEOGRAPHY
8MT	RE COMPUTING	SCIENCE MATHS	LANGUAGES CREATIVE TECH.	ENGLISH GEOGRAPHY ART	HISTORY
8N1	RE COMPUTING	SCIENCE MATHS	LANGUAGES CREATIVE TECH.	ENGLISH HISTORY	GEOGRAPHY
8S1	RE COMPUTING	SCIENCE MATHS	GEOGRAPHY CREATIVE TECH.	ENGLISH HISTORY ART	LANGUAGES
8B2	RE COMPUTING	SCIENCE CREATIVE TECH.	ENGLISH HISTORY	MATHS GEOGRAPHY	LANGUAGES ART
8N2	RE COMPUTING	SCIENCE CREATIVE TECH.	ENGLISH HISTORY	MATHS GEOGRAPHY	LANGUAGES ART
8R1	RE COMPUTING	SCIENCE CREATIVE TECH.	ENGLISH GEOGRAPHY	MATHS LANGUAGES	HISTORY ART
8R2	RE COMPUTING	SCIENCE CREATIVE TECH.	ENGLISH GEOGRAPHY	MATHS LANGUAGES	HISTORY ART
8S2	RE COMPUTING	SCIENCE CREATIVE TECH. ART	ENGLISH GEOGRAPHY	MATHS HISTORY	LANGUAGES
8S3	RE COMPUTING	SCIENCE CREATIVE TECH.	ENGLISH HISTORY	MATHS ART	GEOGRAPHY LANGUAGES

Deadline is determined by the class teacher. Pupils are expected to complete the work on the day it is set. Each piece of work is approximately 30 minutes in length.

Home Learning Timetable for KEY STAGE 4 2019/2020

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
YEAR 9	RE English Science (Groups 01-05)	Option B Option C	Computing Science (Groups 1-6)	Maths Science (01-05)	Option A Science (Groups 1-6)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
YEAR 10	English Option C	Maths RE (Groups 01-05) Science (Groups 1-4)	Option A RE (Groups E-I) Science (Groups 01-05)	Option B Science (Groups 01-05)	Computing Science (Groups 1-4)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
YEAR 11	Maths Option A Science (Groups 01-05)	Computing (Groups 1- 4) Science (Groups 01-05)	English RE	Option B Option C	Computing (Groups 01 – 04) Science (Groups 1-4)

Each piece of home learning is 40 mins with the exception of Science who due to split across Biology, Chemistry and Physics have 2 x 20 mins per week. Deadlines are set by the teacher when the piece of work is set, Pupils are expected to complete home learning on the night it is set.