



Dhahran British Grammar School

Homework Policy



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Key Stage Three

- On average **two homework assignments** are given daily in Key Stage 3.
- Homework assignments are regularly set in the following subjects:
English, Maths, Science, Art, French, Geography, History and ICT.
- Other subject areas may set work occasionally and are asked to give sufficient time for students to cope with the extra work in addition to their timetabled homework commitments.
- Each homework assignment should be of approximately **30 minutes** duration though this may extend to **45 minutes** in core subjects as required.
- Homework duration should not exceed a total of 90 minutes per night. It is expected that this time allocation should include Thursday and Friday.
- The submission date for any homework is left to the discretion of the teacher concerned.
- Homework assignments are marked regularly and deadlines are clearly indicated to students at the outset.
- Homework completed well is acknowledged and praised in an appropriate manner.
- If homework is not completed appropriately and submitted on time, students will be entered on the 'homework database'. Failure to have the Student Planner signed weekly by parents, and failure to bring correct equipment to lessons are also considered as 'missed homework' for disciplinary purposes and will be entered on the 'homework database'. Three homework database entries result in a homework consolidation session; six entries result in a Thursday morning detention (cost SR100); seven entries and above may result in Academic Probation.

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Key Stage Four

- On average **three homework assignments** are given daily in Key Stage 4.
- All exam classes are regularly set homework.
- Other subject areas may set work occasionally and are asked to give sufficient time for students to cope with the extra work in addition to their timetabled homework commitments.
- Each homework assignment should take most students ordinarily no more than **one hour** to accomplish unless the homework is spread over the two allotted sessions per week.
- Homework duration should not usually exceed a total of 2 hours per night. It is expected that this time allocation should include Thursday and Friday.
- The submission date for any homework is left to the discretion of the teacher concerned.
- Homework assignments are marked regularly and deadlines are clearly indicated to students at the outset.
- Homework completed well is acknowledged and praised in an appropriate manner.
- If homework is not completed appropriately and submitted on time, students will be entered on the 'homework database'. Failure to have the Student Planner signed weekly by parents, and failure to bring correct equipment to lessons are also considered as 'missed homework' for disciplinary purposes and will be entered on the 'homework database'. Three homework database entries result in a homework consolidation session; six entries result in a Thursday morning detention (cost SR100); seven entries and above may result in Academic Probation.

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It is not the policy of the School to mandate that teachers prepare, set or mark work for students who are absent from school. This is clearly indicated in the homework policy. Whilst we appreciate that some parents may have little or no control over their vacation times it is unrealistic to expect teachers to prepare extended written work and exercises for these students. Students learn best when they are being taught and, for this reason, students should, wherever possible attend school throughout the regular term. The school strongly advises that if students go home for a period of more than 3 weeks during term time they should be enrolled into the local school.