

Cedars Academy Homework Policy 2026-27 (Staff Guidance)

Purpose of Homework:

- Homework is a key part of our curriculum and supports pupils with long term learning, developing time management skills and taking responsibility for their work.
- Evidence from the Education Endowment Fund (EEF) shows that homework can add up to 5 months' progress.

Setting Homework:

- Teachers and Heads of Subject are responsible for setting, explaining and monitoring homework
- At KS3 pupils are set 1 task fortnightly per subject, of approximately 15-20 minutes
- At KS4 pupils are set 1 task weekly per subject, of approximately 30 minutes
- Tasks are:
 - retrieval and exam preparation based
 - set on Beehive
 - clearly referenced and explained in class
 - given a minimum 7-day deadline

Expectations, Rewards & Sanctions:

- Pupils are expected to complete work to deadlines and the required standard.
- Teachers reward timely, high-quality work with achievement points and verbally praise and acknowledge good work in class.
- If pupils miss the deadline, a C2 sanction and detention are issued immediately.
- Pupils are then given a minimum 24-hour extension to complete work.
- Extensions are clearly communicated with pupils.
- If work is completed by the extension, teachers cancel detentions, but the C2 remains on record.
- Teachers may use their discretion in exceptional circumstances.
- The aim is always for pupils to complete work, not to do detentions.

Parental responsibilities:

- Parents are encouraged to:
 - monitor work via Beehive and talk about homework with their child
 - offer pupils a suitable workspace at home or encourage use of these at school (library, CSC, PP hub as appropriate).
 - contact teachers before deadlines if difficulties arise.

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Why Homework Matters:

- Homework helps you to remember what you've learnt in class, and to prepare for tests and exams
- It can make a big difference to your progress
- It helps you learn to manage your time well and take responsibility for your work.

What's expected from you:

- Complete your homework on time and to a good standard
- Check Beehive for tasks, ask teachers before the deadline if you don't understand something
- Plan your time and don't leave things to the last minute
- 1 task per subject, once a fortnight, in Year 7, 8 & 9 (around 15-20 minutes per task)
- 1 task per subject, once a week, in Year 10 & 11 (around 30 minutes per task)

Rewards & Sanctions:

- Teachers will give you achievement points for good work
- If you miss a homework deadline:
 - you will get a C2 and a detention set straight away
 - your teacher will give you an extension of at least 24 hours
 - If you do the work by the extension, your teacher will cancel the detention but leave the C2 on record.
- The aim is always to get your work done, not to have to do detentions.

Help & support in school:

- The library is open before and after school and during break/lunch to complete work.
- If you use the Curriculum Support Centre or the Pupil Premium Hub, you can also do work there.

Help at home:

- Your parents/carers can check Beehive to support you with completing your work and managing your time. Talk to your parents/carers about the work you are doing.
- Ask your parents/carers to help you find a suitable, quiet space to do work at home (or use the spaces at school if this isn't possible).
- Your parents/carers can contact teachers if you are having difficulties with homework.

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Why Homework Matters:

- Homework helps pupils to remember what they've learnt in school and prepare for tests and exams.
- Homework can help pupils make more progress, learn time management skills, and take responsibility for their learning.
- Teachers regularly set and monitor homework in school to support classwork.

How homework works:

- Homework tasks focus on retrieval and exam preparation
- Key Stage 3 (Years 7, 8 & 9)
 - 1 task per subject fortnightly (around 15-20 minutes per task)
- Key Stage 4 (Years 10 & 11)
 - 1 task per subject weekly (around 30 minutes per task)
- Homework is:
 - Set on Beehive
 - Explained and referenced in class
 - Set with a minimum of a 7-day completion time

What's expected from pupils:

- Pupils must complete homework to deadlines and to the required standard
- Pupils need to manage their time to complete work

Rewards & Sanctions:

- Teachers reward good homework with achievement points
- If homework is late:
 - a C2 sanction and detention will be issued
 - pupils will be given an extension (minimum of 24 hours) to catch up
 - If pupils complete work to the extension, the detention will be cancelled but the C2 will remain on the record

How you can help:

- Check Beehive regularly to see what pupils have been set and talk to your child about their homework.

- Help your child find a suitable, quiet space at home to work – or encourage them to use spaces available in school. The library is open for studying before and after school and at break and lunch. Support is also available in the Curriculum Support Centre and the Pupil Premium Hub.
- Contact teachers if your child is struggling to complete their homework.