

Cedars Academy Homework Policy 2025-26 (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).

- o contact teachers before deadlines if difficulties arise.