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## Homework Policy

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Pre-School, Prep, Senior and Sixth Form

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# Homework Policy

Homework is an extension of the work covered in the classroom and enables pupils to show evidence of knowledge and understanding. It is an important part of the learning process helping develop the skills of organisation, independent learning, effective time management and meeting deadlines.

Furthermore homework provides an important link between school and the home and is evidence of the school's expectations and standards.

## Prep School Homework Policy

Portsmouth High Prep School has a clear approach to homework. Subjects and the amount of time to be spent each evening are laid out below so that you can see the development through the school.

### Reception homework

In Reception work completed outside of school will vary from week to week and will gradually increase as the year continues. With this in mind there is no daily time allocation for Reception.

### Year 1 and 2 homework

At this age the girls are expected to do a short amount of reading, spelling rehearsal and tables practice on a regular basis.

### Year 3 to 6 homework

The time shown for Year 3 to Year 6 is the amount spent on the main piece of homework. The girls can stop after they have spent this time, regardless of whether they have finished the whole piece of work. Parents are most welcome to add a note to the work explaining that the correct time was spent on it. A short amount of reading, spelling rehearsal and tables practice is also expected on a regular basis.

### Example of a homework timetable:

	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Mon	English	Science	English	Science
Tue	Maths	English	Science	Geography or History
Thu	Science	Geography or History	Geography or History	English

<b>Fri</b>	Geography or History	Maths	Maths	Maths
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### Time allocations

Year 1 and 2: 15 minutes

Year 3:and 4: 20 minutes

Year 5 and 6: 30 minutes

### Non-completion of homework

Sometimes homework is not completed. This can be for many reasons and we do understand that the girls live busy lives outside of school. If, for a legitimate reason, this is the case then please write a note in your daughter's homework diary to the teacher concerned. Should the homework not be handed in and there is no note then the teacher will expect the work to be completed at lunchtime or the following evening.

## Senior School

Homework timetables are worked out by year tutors in August/September with consultation from the Deputy Heads. The timetables ensure an even spread of work load across the week and should be adhered to by subject teachers.

<b>Subjects</b>	<b>Year 7</b>	<b>Year 8</b>	<b>Year 9</b>	<b>Year 10</b>	<b>Year 11</b>
<b>Classics and Mandarin:</b>	30	30	30		
<b>Creative Arts:</b>					
Art	30	30	30		
Drama	30	30	30		
Music	-	-	-		
<b>English</b>	45	45	45		
<b>Humanities:</b>				9 subjects by	9 subjects by
Geography	30	30	30	70 min -	70 min -
History	30	30	30	timetable	timetable
RS	30	30	30	from Form	from Form
				Tutors	Tutors

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<b>Mathematics</b>	45	45	45		
<b>Modern Languages:</b> French  Spanish	1 x 20 1 x 10 for French and Spanish	1 x 15 1 x 15 for French, Spanish and German	1 x 15 and 1 x 15 for French and Spanish	Each homework should take approx 35 minutes	Each homework should take approx. 35 minutes
Science Biology Chemistry Physics	30	45	3x30 in separate sciences	Submission date can be negotiated with the class	Submission date can be negotiated with the class
Technology	30	30	30		
<b>Time per week</b>	<b>6hr</b>	<b>6hr 25min</b>	<b>7hrs</b>	<b>10hrs 30min</b>	<b>10hrs 30min</b>

When setting homework please keep the following points in mind:

- the task set is realistic for the time allowed - see allocations below
- younger classes may require additional guidance on how to approach the work set
- there may be occasions when it is not necessary to set homework
- 'open ended' project style work and GCSE course work should be fitted into the agreed homework time
- work should be marked in accordance with the school's marking policy
- work should be completed on time and reasons for lateness pursued

Homework in the sixth form is considered to be in addition to work expected in study periods. Sixth form homework may consist of a wide variety of tasks, but the basic principle that each AS subject set approx. 1 hrs homework a week and each A2 two hours.

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