



Portsmouth
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Homework Policy

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:

	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Monday	English	Science	English	Science
Tuesday	Maths	English	Science	Geography or History
Thursday	Science	Geography or History	Geography or History	English
Friday	Geography or History	Maths	Maths	Maths

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 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 Policy

Subjects	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Classics:	30	30	30		
Creative Arts: Art Drama Music	30 30 -	30 30 -	30 30 -		
English	45	45	45		
Humanities: Geography History RS	30 30 30	30 30 30	30 30 30	9 subjects by 70 min - timetable from Form Tutors	9 subjects by 70 min - timetable from Form Tutors
Mathematics	45	45	45		
Modern Languages: 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		
Time per week	6hr	6hr 25min	7hrs	10hrs 30min	10hrs 30min

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

When setting homework please keep the following points in mind:

- the task set is realistic for the time allowed - see allocations above
- 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.

Sixth form homework may consist of a wide variety of tasks, but the basic principle is that each Year 12 subject sets approximately four hours of homework a week and each Year 13 subject sets five hours per week. This work will be completed in study periods and at home. Where girls study four full A Levels, this must be taken into account, but it should not result in less study overall. EPQ time is not homework time, and the EPQ is completed outside the provision of normal homework.

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