



## Bloxwich Academy Homework Policy

Bloxwich Academy values the importance of additional curriculum enrichment to consolidate and extend the knowledge and understanding pupils have acquired in classroom based learning. The academy aims to enable student's highest levels of attainment through homework enrichment; promoting a love of learning and intellectual curiosity. The completion of homework helps students to develop their independence, timekeeping and promotes good work ethics.

### Homework at Bloxwich Academy should:

- Extend and consolidate classroom based learning;
- Allow pupils to access higher order learning earlier in lesson time;
- Allow pupils to address and re-visit misconceptions or errors identified;
- Be varied and manageable;
- Be challenging but accessible;
- Encourage good organisation skills;
- Involve parents in the learning process.

### Homework Expectations

#### Key stage 3

Core: Core subjects will issue pupils one 20-30 minute\* homework task per week.

This will be a mixture of preparatory tasks and extension/consolidation tasks.

Non-core: Pupils are assigned a 2-3 hour\* home learning assignment every 2-3 weeks.

These are signed by parents and submitted to tutors. Home learning assignment schedule is shared with pupils, staff and parents at the beginning of the academic year.

#### Key stage 4

Core: Core subjects will issue pupils two 20-30 minute\* homework tasks per week or one 40-60\* minute assessment when appropriate (for example, completion of past examination paper). One homework will regularly be of a preparatory nature, e.g. research, reading, preparing notes.

One homework will regularly be designed to extend and/or consolidate learning which has occurred in lessons.

Non-core: Pupils are assigned a 30 minute\* homework every week.

#### Key Stage 5

Post 16 students will be assigned an hour homework assignment per subject option on a weekly basis to extend and/or consolidate learning which has occurred in lessons

\*Completion times allocated to homework represent approximations of the minimum time that should be spent by pupils.

**Homework club** is available Monday –Thursday from 3pm – 4pm to allow students to make use of resources and materials that are not freely accessible to them and to assist with homework deadline completions.



### **Role of Pupils**

It is expected that pupils should record all assigned homework in their Academy planners and take responsibility to manage and meet homework deadlines set by their teachers. Pupils should ensure they have their planners regularly checked by parents/carers and it is the responsibility of pupils to seek guidance or additional support from subject staff if needed.

If a pupil fails to meet a homework deadline or it is felt insufficient effort has been made to complete the work to an acceptable standard a pupil may;

- Receive a phone call home from their Head of House/House PA;
- Be issued with a detention to complete the work;
- Not be eligible for certain reward trips/activities.

### **Role of Staff**

All teaching staff should have a high expectation that Bloxwich Academy pupils can learn well outside of lessons and as such;

- Should set homework in line with the regularity and of the nature outlined in homework expectations;
- Praise and reward pupils who regularly meet deadlines and work hard outside of lessons;
- Keep records of deadlines met and marks/grades awarded in their planners;
- Role of faculty directors to track key stage 3 home learning assignment submissions;
- Where possible homework will be made explicit in books/folders by being printed on yellow paper or highlighted in yellow;
- Marking expectations outlined in Academy marking policy.

### **Role of Parents**

All parents should have a high expectation that Bloxwich Academy pupils can learn well outside of lessons and as such;

- Should encourage pupils to complete homework in line with the regularity and of the nature outlined in homework expectations;
- Praise pupils who regularly meet deadlines and work hard outside of lessons;
- Strive to provide suitable environment in which pupils can complete homework;
- Check pupil planners for evidence of homework set.
- Parents of key stage 3 pupils to sign home learning assignments once completed.
- Support the Academy when pupils are issued detentions for non-completion of or poor standard of homework.