

## OIS Homework Policy

### **Purpose & Scope**

At OIS, we believe that homework is an integral part of the teaching and learning process for all our teachers and students. Homework has many beneficial effects for both student and teacher. This policy lays out a framework that teachers can use to apply the homework strategy for both the individual student and cohorts of students.

Teachers set homework tasks daily which can be completed either on campus or at students' homes.

### **Related Policies**

Policy Code of Conduct  
Policy Progression

### **Benefits of Homework**

- a) It teaches students the value of being prepared and planning.
- b) It encourages students to take responsibility for their own learning and contributes to making them learners both inside and outside the classroom.
- c) It fosters a spirit of enquiry among students and allows students to guide their own learning more than is possible in a teacher-led classroom environment.
- d) As homework fosters reflection, more time can be allocated for practical activities in the classrooms.
- e) Homework has beneficial effects on students' grades which, in turn, lead to improved student confidence and a desire to succeed.
- f) It allows for reflection and assimilation of new knowledge imparted in class but not, perhaps, sufficiently digested.
- g) It enables mentoring and tutoring from a student's peers in an environment of the student's choice.
- h) It nurtures a sense of responsibility to others among students.

## Procedures

- 1) All students should receive a minimum of 4 hours and a maximum of 8 hours homework per week.
  - 2) VPs, through the Lead Teachers, are responsible for monitoring the amount of homework students are set.
  - 3) VPs, through the Lead Teachers, are responsible for ensuring that homework marks are recorded.
  - 4) All students should be given homework which suits their levels of ability and attainment.
  - 5) All students must be given realistic deadlines to plan and complete major pieces of work.
  - 6) All homework should be personalised so that it cannot simply be copied from a friend or downloaded.
  - 7) All homework must be marked, recorded and feedback given to students, when written.
  - 8) All homework is kept in a student's folder so that this becomes part of their record of work completed and progress achieved.
  - 9) Homework given for completion by the next day should not be too onerous.
  - 10) All teachers must complete a homework log detailing all tasks given and the marks students have attained for each piece of homework set.
  - 11) Students who do not complete homework exercises will be dealt with through the Student Conduct Policy.
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