

## **HOMEWORK POLICY**

At Lammas School we regard homework as an essential part of the learning process. It is, therefore, not optional and is set and marked regularly. All students are expected to make a serious attempt at completing homework and assistance is given in cases of difficulty. Homework should be differentiated wherever possible.

Homework is not seen merely as the completion of repetitive exercises, but rather the involvement of the child in a variety of tasks/activities that will stimulate enquiry and develop the many and varied skills necessary to realise their full potential. These tasks could include the following or others that are considered appropriate at the time.

- Completing tasks begun in class
- Reading
- Drawing
- Writing exercises
- Calculation exercises
- Researching (including the use of the Resource Centre, a library and or internet)
- Collating information
- Learning set pieces, facts or information, etc.
- Watching a specified TV programme in preparation for discussion, etc.
- Background reading to extend understanding of material covered or to gain additional knowledge and understanding that may not necessarily be acquired in the classroom.

Normally students will have homework to do most nights. AS/A level students will be expected to complete approximately five hours homework per subject per week. GCSE classes should be set three pieces of homework each evening (unless work revolves around controlled assessments as no homework can be set for this type of activity), with two pieces being set for other senior classes. The length of time needed for completion will often differ depending upon subject/teacher requirements.

Primary classes will be set tasks revolving mainly around literacy and numeracy. Independent reading and parentally supervised reading should be attempted for a short period each evening and logged in the reading record. If you find that your child is spending too long or too short a period of time on completing homework, or experiencing difficulties, you should contact the school to discuss the situation. There may be a few occasions when teachers feel it inappropriate to set homework, but this should not occur very often.

The deadline for completing homework is at the discretion of the teacher, according to the type of work set or other factors needing to be taken into consideration.

All students in Years 5-11 are issued with a Homework Timetable and Homework Diary in which they should write down the work set on a daily basis. Parents, Form Tutors and staff should check this regularly in order to monitor progress.

Successful completion of homework can only occur if the school, parents and students recognise, and accept, their joint responsibilities in its implementation. It should not be regarded as a chore but rather the students' opportunity to assimilate the knowledge gained during the day.