

Weymouth College: Sixth form

Homework Policy



Homework statement for parents

Homework is defined as the time students spend outside the classroom in assigned learning activities. Weymouth College, believes the purpose of homework should be to practice, reinforce, or apply acquired skills and knowledge. We also believe (as research supports) that moderate tasks completed and done well are more effective than lengthy or difficult ones done poorly.

Homework serves to develop regular study skills and the ability to complete tasks independently. Weymouth College believes completing homework is the responsibility of the student, and as students mature they are more able to work independently. Therefore, parents play a supportive role in monitoring completion of tasks, encouraging students' efforts and providing a conducive environment for learning.

Homework is an opportunity for teachers to provide individualized instruction geared specifically to an individual student. Weymouth College embraces the idea that each student is different and as such, each student has their own individual needs. We see homework as an opportunity to tailor lessons specifically for an individual student, meeting them where they are and bringing them to where we want them to be.

Homework contributes toward building responsibility, self-discipline, and lifelong learning habits. It is the intention of the Weymouth College staff to assign relevant, challenging, meaningful, and purposeful homework tasks that reinforce classroom learning objectives. Homework should provide students with the opportunity to apply and extend the information they have learned complete unfinished class tasks, and develop independence.

The actual time required to complete tasks will vary with each student's study habits, academic skills, and selected course load. If your son/daughter is spending an inordinate amount of time doing homework, you should contact their relevant lecturer.

Homework Policy for students

As a full time A-Level student at Weymouth College, you will be expected to study outside of lessons. This additional study is essential if you are to achieve or exceed your target grade. Failure to work outside of lessons is a breach of a students' learner agreement and will disadvantage you in terms of your final grade. Homework is set in order to:

- Reinforce and consolidate work covered in lessons
- Encourage independent and reflective learning
- Develop a deeper knowledge and understanding
- Prepare you for future lessons or assessments
- Promote an interest and joy in learning
- Enable teachers in to make a judgement about your progress and level of attainment
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Homework will be varied in terms of tasks, and relevant and rewarding for students. Deadlines for all homework should be manageable for students. Some homework will be assessed by lecturers, often using exam board criteria and assessment objectives. Assessed homework will normally be returned to a student within 10 working days. Lecturers will provide clear instructions and deadlines for homework.

We recommend that for a student studying A-Levels you should study for a minimum of three hours per week outside of lessons. During periods in which there are examinations or controlled assessments, homework will normally to be to prepare, and/or revise where this is possible. You are expected to work hard outside of lessons. If you don't do this, the College will

take steps to support you. Should this be unsuccessful, the College will ultimately consider asking you to leave the course.

Measures to ensure that Students complete homework:

- Students that fail to complete homework will be asked to join Study Skills classes to catch up with the work that they have missed.
- 'Effort outside of Class' will be reported formally to parents.
- Students that persistently fail to complete homework will be referred to the DHOS or HOS as well as this matter being addressed in the subject area.
- Students that don't produce homework following a referral may eventually be placed on a contract that is managed by a senior member of staff if other attempts to get them to complete homework are unsuccessful. This monitoring contract will be sent home to parents.
- If the problem continues, the parents of the student will be invited into to College to discuss their son or daughter's progress.
- Further problems may lead to suspension from College
- If no effort is made to comply a student may be asked to leave College.