

Homework Policy

Why is homework important?

At Just Learn Independent School, we believe that successful academic achievement is achievable when students, staff and parents work together in order to provide the students with the best chance for positive life outcomes. As well as our commitment to providing students with effective, tailored and differentiated teaching and learning in lessons, part of the way we can ensure our students reach their potential is by providing them with extracurricular homework to complete.

Not only does homework reinforce and support classroom learning, it also helps develop the independence and self-discipline necessary for lifelong success. We hope that homework will develop the skills of independent learning, and attitudes necessary for lifelong learning.

What will the homework consist of?

The homework activities will vary depending on subject, but will all be geared towards raising their academic attainment. Homework activities will include but will not be limited to coursework completion, revision activities, extension tasks and other activities will support their progress in lessons. The homework that will be set will be appropriate to a student's ability and all students should be able to access the work set at home.

When will homework be set?

The homework will be set for each subject on a weekly basis and will take approximately 45 minutes to complete; there will be a homework task for every day in the school week (Monday – Friday). A homework timetable will be sent to parents to help them support their children at home. We regularly review the homework timetables for each class.

How much homework will be set and when will it be due in?

Students should expect between 45 minutes and one hour of homework per night during the week. They should record any homework set in their books, as well as the deadline for a particular piece. Usually students will NOT be asked to complete homework for the next day. This will support the students as they develop their time management and organisational skills.

How can parents help?

As mentioned previously, education is most effective when teachers, students and parents work together to support the progress of their students. You may feel that it is sometimes difficult to help your son or daughter with their homework. However, just showing an interest in your child's progress can provide them with the confidence to succeed. Please check if your child has been given homework and that it has been completed to a high standard. The homework set will be able to be completed by your child independently, however if you would like to sit down with your child and help them with their work, that can also be a great encouragement.

Virtual Learning

Students have access to virtual learning if this forms part of their learning program and they are unable to attend Just Learn in person. Homework is an integral part of a Virtual Learning Programme. To support the completion of homework, tracking will form part of the monitoring and assessment process. Just Learn have introduced Kaizena (software) for all students to be able to access homework virtually. The Kaizena programme allows all students to access their homework when required. The system is updated with homework when a student access Virtual Learning as part of their learning programme, when appropriate. All students are provided with individual access codes.

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