

AHS Drama homework policy

KS3 homework: *A summary of the type of tasks that students will be expected to complete:*

In light of our reasonably limited contact time with students at KS3 on a rotating timetable and the practical nature of our work, homework will only be used occasionally to support the content of the lesson.

When homework is set it may include individual tasks like learning lines for a performance or finding out some key facts, set or costume design, but may also involve a more practical task like arranging a rehearsal in a group for a final performance.

There is no generic homework timetable or expectation for KS3 and it is down to a teacher's discretion as to when to set a homework task.

When used, homework will have a direct impact on the lesson content, and teachers will always make the expectations of the homework clear to students, including posting it on Google Classroom.

KS3 homework frequency:

Homework will be set on an occasional basis. Homework should take no more than 30 minutes a week. It will be made clear that some homework is voluntary; such as drawing a picture relating to the work, a reward point for creativity is awarded to any student submitting a piece of voluntary homework.

KS4 homework: *A summary of the type of tasks that students will be expected to complete:*

It is an expectation that students studying GCSE drama spend a significant amount of time practising their performance skills in their own time.

This includes time spent learning lines individually and attending group rehearsals for the devised and scripted performance exam components. For monologues this would also include the private practice of performance skills.

There is also an expectation that students will spend time at home preparing for the written aspects of the course (70% of the GCSE). Tasks might include completing past papers, researching and specific exam focussed revision. During the first term, drama students will need to spend significant amounts of their own time working on their 'Devising Logs' which consist of 3 essays, amounting to 2500 words in total. Preparation for the essays will be covered in lesson time, but the writing of them will be homework. All homework set will be directly related to the exam board syllabus.

KS4 homework frequency:

We will set up to an hour of homework a week, or two hours a fortnight, as appropriate. This will increase during more 'crucial' times. For example, in the lead up to a performance, where students will be required to spend more time rehearsing prior to a performance exam. Rehearsal space will be available to students at lunchtimes in school.