



Aylsham High School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Autumn 2023 Homework Update

At the start of the year we outlined our school approach to homework. A copy of this letter can be found [here](#). As we have now completed our first half term, we felt it would be useful to provide you with an update on homework.

So far, 31,290 homeworks have been set. The vast majority of these homeworks have been successfully completed. We would like to thank you for your support with this.

Research shows that students who regularly complete homework achieve better outcomes than those who do not. Homework should provide students with regular opportunities to practise and consolidate their learning. Research also shows that:

- the optimum amount of homework is between 1 and 2 hours per school day with effects diminishing as the time spent on homework increases beyond this.
- parents and carers can best help their child with homework by creating daily homework routines which are reinforced with praise and rewards.

I would like to thank those families who have provided feedback on the homework set since September. We have used this feedback to help refine our approach. For example, teachers will endeavour to define what students need to do to complete homework to the expected standard. One of the homework feedback statements which appears in SIMS is 'homework completed but not to the expected standard'. Currently, this appears in red as a behaviour event worth zero points in SIMS. A couple of families have asked if this can be reviewed. SIMS can only report information as either achievements in green or behaviours in red, there is not a neutral option. From Monday 13th November, if homework is completed but not to the expected standard, it will appear in the green achievement section worth zero points. Previously entered statements of this nature will be removed from view within SIMS Parent and SIMS Student.

We are keen for students to use their time at home effectively and complete their homework well. Many subjects have provided students with access to resources which, if accessed, will support students to complete their homework successfully. Examples of resources include access to instructional YouTube videos, websites, core knowledge booklets or workbooks. Students who make use of these resources will be more likely to successfully complete their homework.

Further information on homework can be found on the school website, <https://www.aylshamhigh.com/homework>.

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If you have any further questions relating to the homework which is being set please contact the relevant head of department. Email addresses can be found on the school website, <https://www.aylshamhigh.com/usefulcontactsandemailaddresses>.

I would like to thank you for your continued support with the completion of homework.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C Bridge'.

Mr C Bridge
Deputy Headteacher