

## **History Homework Policy**

### **What is the rationale for the setting and completion of homework?**

- Homework helps students to consolidate the knowledge learned in lessons by revisiting materials to better retain facts, events and themes.
- Homework provides opportunities for students to practice the discipline of history by analysing primary sources and historical interpretations.
- Homework prepares students to think and work independently, an essential skill for higher education and for life.
- Homework provides opportunities for students to extend and broaden knowledge beyond the lesson content.
- GCSE homework provides opportunities for students to practice a range of exam skills through the inclusion of tasks which require planning for extended writing.

### **How does the history department support your child to complete homework?**

- Termly homework booklets (KS3) and yearly booklets (KS4) are fully resourced to promote consolidation and acquisition of knowledge and history skills.
- Specifically targeted core knowledge questions (to address key themes, events and facts) for each topic have been provided
- Consistent fortnightly routines are established in KS4 lessons to support the setting and checking of homework tasks.
- The inclusion of extended writing tasks has been purposefully minimised to promote students to succeed in (and complete) their homework.
- We actively encourage students to see us when they require support

### **What are we developing this year to keep supporting with homework?**

- The design and creation of an allocated history website with hyperlinks to tools (videos, core knowledge, additional resources) to consolidate knowledge and exam technique at both KS4 and KS3. **Our priority is KS4**, so please bear with us this year to create this platform.

- An inclusive history club at lunch time (once fortnightly) for all students to seek peer and/or staff support to complete homework

### **What does homework look like for my child?**

#### **History Homework at KS3 for Years 7-9:**

All students in year 7-9 will receive one printed homework booklet per term (X3 across the academic year). Each booklet will specify the topics studied over the course of that term.

On any occasion, students will be set one homework only. On SIMS, this will read as 'Homework 1' or 'Homework 2' etc, and page numbers will be specified. Each 'Homework' will have between two and three tasks for students to complete. The first task will always allocate core knowledge questions to learn, followed by a core knowledge quiz. The other tasks are designed to consolidate knowledge, broaden understanding, or practice historical skills.

On average, students should expect two homework tasks to be set each half term period with about two weeks to complete it. The task allocated should take approximately 30-40 minutes to complete.

The homework booklet will have core knowledge questions included in the back. This will be a useful resource for students to access should they become stuck. We also encourage them to use it to prepare for end of unit tests. Some of the core knowledge will also be quizzed at the start of lessons as retrieval practice.

Homework will be marked in class and students will be responsible for peer/self-marking. Teachers will set aside the time needed to feedback on homework and address concerns and misconceptions.

## **History Homework at KS4 for Years 10 and 11**

### **Year 10**

All students in year 10 will receive a homework booklet for the academic year.

Homework will be set on a fortnightly basis. This will allow students a period of two weeks to complete the tasks set.

On SIMS, this will read as 'Homework 1' or 'Homework 2' etc, and page numbers will be specified. Each 'Homework' will have between two and three tasks for students to complete. The first task will always allocate core knowledge questions to learn, followed by a core knowledge quiz. The other tasks are designed to consolidate and apply prior learning and practice GCSE exam technique. Each homework task should take about 45 minutes to complete. The core knowledge questions for each topic can be found at the back of the homework booklet.

Each task within the booklet will include instructions about the resources students should use to help complete it. Pupils are encouraged to speak to their teacher or attend history club (fortnightly) to seek further support if needed.

A small-stakes core knowledge quiz will be given in class when homework is due. These quizzes will link to the core knowledge questions students were asked to learn in their prior homework. It is important students learn the specified core knowledge as part of their homework in readiness for this.

Students will cover 3 topics in year 10, as listed below.

- Medicine through time
- British sector of the Western Front
- Anglo-Saxon and Norman England

Homework will be marked in class and students will be responsible for peer/self-marking. Teachers will set aside the time needed to feedback on homework and address concerns and misconceptions. Scores will be collected on the core knowledge quizzes.

## Year 11

All students in year 11 will receive a homework booklet for the academic year.

Homework will be set on a fortnightly basis. This will allow students a period of two weeks to complete the tasks set.

On SIMS, this will read as 'Homework 1' or 'Homework 2' etc, and page numbers will be specified. Each 'Homework' will have between two and three tasks for students to complete. The first task will always allocate core knowledge questions to learn, followed by a core knowledge quiz. The other tasks are designed to consolidate and apply prior learning and practice GCSE exam technique. Each homework task should take about 45 minutes to complete. The core knowledge questions for each topic can be found at the back of the homework booklet.

Each task within the booklet will include instructions about the resources students should use to help complete it. Pupils are encouraged to speak to their teacher or attend history club (fortnightly) to seek further support if needed.

A small-stakes core knowledge quiz will be given in class when homework is due. These quizzes will link to the core knowledge questions students were asked to learn in their prior homework. It is important students learn the specified core knowledge as part of their homework in readiness for this.

Students will cover 2 topics in year 11, as listed below.

- Super-power relations and the Cold War
- Weimar and Nazi Germany

Please note the Year 11 booklet will also link to the topics studied in Year 10. This tool promotes mindful retrieval of prior learning in readiness for exams.

Homework will be marked in class and students will be responsible for peer/self-marking. Teachers will set aside the time needed to feedback on homework and address concerns and misconceptions. Scores will be collected on the core knowledge quizzes.