



Art and Design Homework Policy

In Art and Design we regard homework as a crucial part of our curriculum. It is an integral part of school work and an opportunity to develop independent learning skills. Habits of hard work and discipline become more important as students' progress through the school. Homework is strongly linked to success at KS3 and GCSE level and beyond.

Art homework aims to consolidate and extend the work done in class and can be a range of tasks from drawing and painting, research and analysis, to exploring materials and resources or completing art work started or missed in class. These tasks are listed in the scheme of work found in the front of students' sketch books.

Our expectation is that students in years 7, 8 and 9 complete 1 hour of homework a fortnight rising to 2-3 hours a week in years 10 and 11. A link book is issued to all students at the start of the year to help them record and organise homework. The Art department also supports students by providing staffed access to the art rooms and the ICT suite before and after school.

Parents and Carers can support their child by encouraging them to discuss their work and the homework tasks. This helps them to value their work, to annotate their sketchbook pages and to offer their own thoughts and opinions. This provides valuable evidence of higher-level thinking skills.

It is worth noting that homework tasks on Satchel are often accompanied by detailed explanations, additional resources and exemplar work to help students and their parents/carers who require further clarification.

Students need access to the internet and a colour printer in order to complete the research tasks set for homework. Computers and printing facilities in the art department are available to all art students before and after school. Students will need basic art equipment at home including a good set of colour pencils and a small set of watercolours.

All KS3 class and homework tasks are marked with flight path levels in line with National Curriculum expectations of achievement with students receiving reward points (see table below) leading to a range of certificates. This is accompanied by feedback which students are expected to read and use to improve work.

All students have progress trackers at the back of their sketch books, these are designed to help them to identify areas for improvement and work towards achieving positive progress.



The achievement and effort grades for KS3 class and homework are as follows:

Homework completed with excellent effort	+2 reward points
Homework completed with good effort	+1 reward points
Homework incomplete or unsatisfactory effort	-1 consequence point
Homework missing or repeatedly incomplete	-2 consequence point and a detention
Homework missing major concern	-3 letter home