



**Vista Academy Littleport  
Homework Policy  
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### Aims of Homework at Vista Academy Littleport

- To help students realise their potential.
- To encourage the development of independent study.
- To support and develop literacy across all subjects.
- To provide opportunities for parents/carers to support the learning of their children.

### Setting and Recording Homework

- Teachers will set homework that meets the needs of students of all abilities.
- In **Year 7**, homework will be set as follows:  
**Spring Term:** Maths and Languages  
**Summer Term:** Maths, English, Science and Languages
- In **Year 8**, homework will be set as follows:  
**Spring Term:** English and Geography  
**Summer Term:** Maths, English, Science and Geography
- In **Year 9**, homework will be set as follows:  
**Spring Term:** Science and History  
**Summer Term:** Maths, English, Science and History
- In **Year 10**, homework will be set as follows:  
**Spring Term:** Compulsory Maths, English and Science; Optional for all other examined subjects  
**Summer Term:** All examined subjects
- In **Year 11** homework will be set weekly for subjects which lead to a qualification.
- Faculties setting homework will organise homework so that students are expected to spend the equivalent of approximately 30 minutes per subject per week in Years 7 to 9 and 45 minutes per subject per week in Years 10 and 11.
- Teachers will give sufficient lesson time to the setting of homework to ensure students understand what they are expected to do.
- Students are encouraged to seek additional, optional homework from their class teachers to help them pursue further independent study.
- Years 7 to 9 will not be set homework during the holidays, unless there are exceptional circumstances that require it, for example revision for a test or work to catch up.
- Teachers may make holiday enrichment suggestions for students in Years 7 to 9, such as visits to places of interest or subject based reading.

- Class teachers will decide on whether to set homework for Years 10 & 11 during the holidays.
- Homework for all year groups and all subjects will be **set weekly on Monday** via Microsoft Teams.
- Homework is **due to be completed by Sunday evening** and checked for completion by teachers within 24 hours and, where appropriate, taken in for marking. The teacher may arrange a different date soon after the due date to collect in the work. Homework that is marked will be returned to students within two weeks of the due date.

### **Responsibility for Homework, Support and Sanctions**

- It is the responsibility of the student to complete homework on time and hand it in, indicating on Microsoft Teams that the homework has been completed. The exception to this is if a student is absent. Students in Years 7-9 are encouraged to complete homework if they are absent, but it is not compulsory to do so. Students in Years 10 -11 must complete homework within an agreed time if they are absent.
- If a student in Years 7-10 does not submit their homework by the required time, for no good reason (parent/carer note required on the day), the teacher will log the incomplete homework on Edulink and send an email home, informing parents/carers of the incomplete homework. If a student in Years 7-10 fails to complete two pieces of homework in a week, they will be issued with a centralised detention.
- If a student in Year 11 does not submit their homework by the required time, for no good reason (parent/carer note required on the day), the teacher will email [behaviour@vista.tela.org.uk](mailto:behaviour@vista.tela.org.uk) with the name of the student, the subject and which occurrence of incomplete homework this is (e.g. first, second, etc.). Students will be set a centralised detention when they have missed two pieces of homework for a subject.
- If homework submission continues to be a problem, the student will be required to attend after school homework support club in the LRC for further support. The school will determine the length of time to be spent in homework support club.
- If the homework collected in is not deemed a good effort by the teacher, the student will be required to repeat it.
- Teachers may decide to allow a student to further improve a piece of homework, even if it is a best effort, to allow the opportunity to achieve a higher mark/grade/level.