



Homework Policy

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<u>2</u>	Paragraph 2 point 2 – added Geography and History Section 3, point 2 – Y7-9 added and Y10-11 action added if failure to complete homework.	01/09/2026
<u>1</u>	Paragraph 2, Point 3 - added 'Languages' & 'and History' Paragraph 2, Point 4 – added 'Languages, Geography' & 'All GCSE examined subjects, after the Pathways process has been completed' Paragraph 2, Point 14 – added 'It will then' & Removed 'within 24 hours' Paragraph 3, Point 1 – added 'If students in Years 10-11 are absent, they need to discuss with their teacher how they are expected to catch up with missed homework.' & Removed 'Students in Years 10 11 must complete homework within an agreed time is they are absent' Paragraph 3, Point 2 – added 'or more'	08/09/2025

1. 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.

2. 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:
 - Maths, English, Science, Languages, Geography and History
- In **Year 8**, homework will be set as follows:
 - Maths, English, Science, Languages, Geography and History
- In **Year 9**, homework will be set as follows:
 - Maths, English, Science, Languages, Geography and History
 - All GCSE examined subjects, after the Pathways process has been completed
- In **Year 10**, homework will be set as follows:
 - All examined subjects
- In **Year 11** homework will be set as follows:
 - All examined subjects
- 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**. It will then be checked for

completion by teachers and, where appropriate, taken in for marking. The teacher may arrange a different date soon after the due date to collect in the work. Marked homework will be returned to students within two weeks of the due date.

3. 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. If students in Years 10-11 are absent, they need to discuss with their teacher how they are expected to catch up with missed homework.
- If a student 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.
 - Year 7-9: If a student fails to complete two or more pieces of homework in a week, they will be issued with a centralised detention.
 - Year 10-11: If a student fails to complete a piece of homework they will be issued a lunchtime academic catch up session to complete the missed homework.
- If homework submission continues to be a problem, communication will be sent home to explore barriers to homework completion. The student may 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.