



Ralph Allen School Homework Strategy

Your interest and support is invaluable in encouraging our students to attain their personal best when completing their homework and we want to thank you for your ongoing support. We will be continuing to evaluate and assess the impact of our new homework strategy and as usual your feedback is invaluable in ensuring we provide the best opportunities for your children.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by email and I will get back to you as soon as possible h.fleming@ralphallenschool.com.

How can you support your child with their homework?

- Set up a homework-friendly area.
- Schedule a regular study time at home.
- Help students organise their time and make a plan.
- Keep distractions to a minimum.
- Make sure your child does their own work.
- Be a motivator and monitor. Give encouragement, check completed homework
- Praise their work and efforts.
- If your child is struggling with homework please let the teacher know and ask for help. (*Kidshealth.org*)
- Please **write comments on the homework or in your child's planner** to indicate time spent on homework, any difficulties or if you have concerns.
- Check our parent and student learning gateway, **INSIGHT**, in order to help your child manage homework effectively. This will enable you to keep track of what homework has been set, how much time is expected to be spent on homework and the deadline for submission. All students and parents were given their log in details at the beginning of the school year. Please access **INSIGHT** via the school website home page.

How we will support your child with their homework?

Homework Support at Ralph Allen School:

- Year 7 and year 10 students can visit M5 any lunch time to receive individualised homework support.
- After-school homework club every Monday in our new Dining Hall from January. Please see the attached flyers for more information.
- Community Learning Hubs: Please see the attached flyers for more information.

Ralph Allen School supports the concept of homework because it:

- Develops independent learning skills, including time management.
- Gives opportunities for students to extend and deepen their learning and to practise the skills they have learned in class.
- Allows students to reinforce learning from lessons and to develop this.
- Gives opportunities for parents/carers to be involved with their students' learning.

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- Curriculum Teams are responsible for designing **challenging** and **appropriate** homework for each year group.
- Homework will be **differentiated** by outcome or time spent, according to students' learning needs. (*Appendix A*).
- Homework will be set **regularly** and **consistently** in each curriculum area, as specified in each Curriculum Team's Programmes of Study.
- Leadership Team, Curriculum Team Leaders and Deputy Curriculum Team Leaders will **monitor** the setting, feedback and quality of homework in their curriculum areas.
- The time given for a student to complete homework will **vary across curriculum subjects and key stages**. For example in practical subjects such as KS3 Art, homework will be set every other week and should take around 30 minutes to complete. This will allow our students time

to balance their homework and organise their time effectively. Please contact Curriculum Team Leaders for information about homework expectations in their subject.

- Students will receive **regular feedback** from teachers about their homework.
- All homework will be set on **INSIGHT**. Additional support will be offered to students who also need to record homework in planners.
- **All students are encouraged to attempt homework**, unless there are exceptional circumstances.
- Staff will follow the school homework procedure if a homework is missed. (*Appendix 1*).
- Support will be offered to all students who **require additional support** completing homework. (*Appendix 2*).

Appendix 1: **Homework Rewards and Sanctions**

REWARDS:

- P1 and P2 for completion of homework at the discretion of staff.
- P3 reward homework that is 'above and beyond'.

SANCTIONS:

- If a student does not hand in homework on the given deadline the **class teacher will follow this up** with a **conversation, practical support and/or a** homework support break time session.
- Staff will keep parents informed.
- Staff will check the student has the support they need to complete the homework, (resources, SEND/AEN support, etc, see Appendix 2).
- If a student persistently misses homework deadlines, staff will follow the school behaviour sanctions.
- In rare /extreme cases of persistently missed homework, intervention will be put in place by curriculum team leaders and pastoral teams where appropriate.

Appendix 2: **Additional homework support**

This is the support we can give to all students who require additional intervention completing homework and the support we will give to class teachers.

Class teachers will support students in completing homework by:

- Ensuring all homework set is clear and explicit for **all** students. Staff will liaise with our specialist AEN team to ensure individualised support is given where required.
- Encouraging all year 7 students to access homework club in M5 with support from Learning Mentors at lunchtime every day. Year 10 students are also offered support by invite.
- Supporting AEN students to complete homework tasks.
- Offering **INSIGHT support** during tutor time and in ICT lessons.