

Achieving excellence together

Rationale:

Homework is an essential part of a students' learning at IAC.

The amounts of homework to be set should be established at a maximum of **25 to 30mins** for year **1, 2, 3, 4 and 5** and at a maximum of **30 to 40mins** for year **6, 7, 8 and GCSE**.

Purposes of homework:

1. To support a systematic approach to homework and aims to involve staff, students and parents.
2. To outline the purpose of homework at IAC, i.e. to:
 - Develop independent and interdependent learning skills
 - Revise and consolidate skills taught already in the classroom
 - Provide extension, through which the student obtains previously learned material or skills in new situations
 - Allow students the opportunity to obtain background information on upcoming material through assigned tasks
 - Provide parents with a window on the learning that takes place in JESS
 - Foster an active partnership between the school and parents
 - Develop patterns of home study and organisation for future study and success
 - Link learning in the classroom with learning in the real world
 - Provide continuity when there is a break of annual holidays and half terms
 - Enable students to catch up work after a period of absence.

Guidelines:

The homework should be

1. Short, sharp homework pieces may be set overnight within some subject Areas.
2. Homework tasks should be structured and their purpose explained to the students
3. There should be consistent practice across the school
4. Homework should be given regularly and where appropriate
5. Parents and students ought to know what to expect each week through a clear homework guidelines
6. Homework should be checked and students receive feedback early.

The type of homework set will vary depending on the Year level, the nature of the subject and the class work being undertaken at that time, whilst the needs of the less able should be met by assignments set at an appropriate level.

Students might be set:

- revision for a test
- a written task
- project work
- practical work
- reading or research
- problem solving
- an investigation
- extension of class work

Whatever the task, homework should provide the opportunity to motivate students' interest in the subject and strengthen their confidence in their ability to learn independently. Students with special talents need to be challenged with assignments which suit their abilities.

Parents can support their children by providing a relatively quiet and suitable place at home for homework completion. It is also helpful if parents encourage their children to complete their homework at a regular time. Parents can monitor the amount of homework being set and then check to see if it is being completed satisfactorily.