

## Woodbridge School Homework

The work that pupils do on their own, either in School or at home, is of vital importance. We are very grateful for every effort that parents make to ensure that pupils take a proper time over their prep and do it in the right conditions. There is a prep timetable for Years 7 to 11, stipulating which subjects are allocated to each night. A rough guide to the amount of homework which your son or daughter may be expected to do each evening is:

Year 7: In general 2 x 30 minutes: English and Mathematics each have three 30 minute preps a week, (for English one will be reading). Science, French, History and Geography each have one piece of homework a week.

Other subjects set more challenging pieces of homework to be done throughout a term or over an extended period of time. To assist pupils, these are staggered, and will not be set to fall over half term holidays.

Year 8: 3 x 30 minutes

Year 9: 3 x 30 minutes

Year 10: 3 x 40 minutes

Year 11: 3 x 40 minutes

Lower & Upper Sixth:

45 minutes to one hour per subject per night and a further two hours per subject at weekends. This is in addition to private study time at School.

**It is strongly recommended that parties/sleepovers are limited to one weekend evening only.**

The School is always open on Saturday mornings for those who wish to study. Access to particular areas such as ICT, Library, Music, Art and D&T will be by prior arrangement.

At the end of the day, there is a supervised prep period in the Library until 5pm for those who go home later or for those who have to wait for other members of a "run". Members of Common Room are usually on hand at this time to help any pupil who needs guidance with their academic work.

The planning of homework is a skill that pupils will learn over the course of their time at Woodbridge. The advent of GCSE coursework has sometimes caused problems for some pupils and parents are asked to alert Housemasters or Housemistresses at an early stage if they feel their sons or daughters are devoting either too much or too little time to schoolwork. Recent statistical evidence shows the unsurprising fact that higher grades in exams are achieved through longer hours spent at homework. **The increasing opportunities for after school work and weekend jobs are undoubtedly detrimental to a pupil's academic progress and parents are asked to discuss any such commitment with their Housemasters/mistresses.**

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