



At Harefield School, we believe that homework is an important way for students to progress in their subjects and develop independent working skills. Evidence supports this belief: the Education Endowment Foundation toolkit shows that completing good quality homework helps students make 5 months extra progress within a year.

Aims of homework at Harefield:

- Consolidate and extend work covered in class or prepare for new learning activities
- Encourage students to take ownership and responsibility for their learning, and work independently
- Allow students to deepen their knowledge and understanding, leading to better progress
- Access resources not available in the classroom
- Develop research skills
- Enhance students' study skills e.g. planning, revision, time management and self discipline
- Engage parental cooperation and support and create channels for home-school dialogue

Homework at Harefield may take different forms, including:

- Consolidation of content taught in class through practice tasks and questions
- Revision and self-quizzing to prepare for an in-class retrieval test
- Extension of content taught in class
- Researching & preparing a topic for presentation to the class
- Reading
- Progressing coursework
- Feed forward tasks to improve on their work

Practicalities of homework at Harefield:

While believing in the value of regular homework, we also recognise that students may have other demands on their time during the week. As such, students will always be given a reasonable amount of time to complete homework.

Staff may utilise a variety of resources and website when setting homework. However, this will always be set on class charts. This helps students to stay organised, and parents can also access this to check what has been set.

Expectations of homework frequency are as follows:

KS3	30-45 minutes per subject, per week. This equates to 4- 8 hours per week
KS4	30-60 minutes per subject, per week (including BTECs/other options) This equates to 5-10 hours per week
KS5	KS5 students should expect to do at least an hour of independent study or homework for every hour of lesson time. KS5 students should study independently for at least 12-20 hours per week. There are some study periods built into the school day to facilitate this. KS5 students should allocate their time outside of lessons to include wise use of their study periods in addition to working at home.

As Harefield value homework to enhance learning, students will receive an RTL detention the following day if they fail to complete homework on time.