

# Clifton Community School

## Homework

### Why is homework set?

Homework is a valuable supplement to the learning experience of all students in school. It has a number of different purposes:

- To develop independent skills e.g. thinking and researching
- To prepare younger students for the demands of GCSE courses higher up in school and beyond.
- To prepare for future lessons and tests.
- To consolidate what is being learnt in lessons.

### What kind of tasks can I expect my child to be set?

At Clifton Community School we believe homework is most valuable when it is clearly linked to future learning (i.e. it is relevant). This will include:

- Researching (e.g. resource gathering in preparation for future lessons).
- Learning (e.g. vocabulary, spellings, facts).
- Extension tasks that deepen the learning in the lesson.
- Writing assignments/drafting work.
- Reading.
- Practising (e.g. newly acquired skills, examination questions).

### How much and how often will homework be set?

It is impossible to specify the exact amount and frequency of homework which will be set as teachers need to be flexible in responding to the needs of the class. We offer the following as a guide:

At KS3 (years 7, 8 and 9) it is reasonable to expect that students spend 20-30 minutes on each homework task.

At KS4 (years 10 and 11) students should expect homework lasting 30-45 minutes every week in each subject.

### How is homework set?

All students at Clifton Community School are provided with a planner which they should use to record homework. It is the responsibility of the student to record homework in the diary. Clear instructions will be given by the teacher.

### How can I help at home?

Parents/carers are asked to check planners regularly and encourage their children to complete homework tasks. If homework has not been completed, sanctions (e.g. a detention) will be given.

