



HOMEWORK CODE

The purpose of homework is to reinforce work done in the class and plays a central role in the education process. In Ratoath College we value the role homework has and encourage all educational partners to work together to ensure that homework forms a positive, active and engaging learning experience.

As a teacher I will:

- Place great emphasis on the regular setting of purposeful, well planned homework which is designed to reinforce and enhance the learning in the classroom.
- Design homework assignments that are engaging and challenging for all students.
- Provide constructive feedback in a variety of ways (written, verbal, or both,) on all homework assignments in keeping with our formative assessment model.
- Instruct students to record homework assignments into the Dialann and upload them on Schoology where necessary.
- Check homework is complete in line with expectations.
- Communicate with parents using the Dialann.
- Use the Ladder of Referral should a student continuously fail to produce homework.
- Reward using our Mol an Óige where appropriate.

As a student I will:

- Recognise that homework and revision is a crucial element in the learning process and I will take responsibility to review my learning each evening.
- Record my homework for each lesson in my Dialann and monitor updates on Schoology.
- Complete each homework assignment on the night that it is assigned where possible and learn how to best manage my time to ensure all of my homework is submitted on time.
- Attempt all of my homework to the best of my ability and inform my teacher should I be experiencing any difficulties with the homework.
- Take responsibility for my own learning and work hard as part of a team when assigned group projects and assignments to ensure the project is submitted on time.
- Take responsibility for any missed homework due to being absent from class for any reason. (including extra- curricular activities).
- Complete my homework in a comfortable and quiet space away from distraction and develop a routine for my homework each evening.
- Ensure that the homework section of my Dialann is signed by a parent/guardian on a weekly basis.

As a parent I will:

- Recognize the importance of quality homework and revision and support my child to continue the learning at home.
- Provide my child with a comfortable and quiet place to study and complete homework.
- Monitor my child's homework and Dialann daily.
- Sign the homework section of the Dialann weekly.
- Write a note to the teacher explaining any difficulties my son/ daughter may be having with the homework.
- Discuss upcoming assignments/ assessments with my son/ daughter and help them to study/ revise before an exam.



Guidelines for Daily Homework

Time spent on homework can vary each day and consideration should be given to each students' timetable and schedule.

- 1st years-1 hour
- 2nd Years -1.5 hours
- 3rd years -2 hours
- TY students must complete projects and assignments on time as directed by their teachers.
- Senior Cycle students-3 hours

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