



BURGESS HILL
— GIRLS —

Independent Study (Homework) Policy

1.4.3

HOMEWORK (Independent Study) TIMETABLE

SUBJECT	YEAR 7 (time in mins)	YEAR 8 (time in mins)	YEAR 9 (time in mins)
English	60 (30+30)	60	60
Mathematics	40	60	60
Science	60	-	-
Biology	-	30	30
Chemistry	-	30	30
Physics	-	30	30
French	30	45	45
German/Spanish	-	30	30
Latin	-	35 (20+15)	45 (30+15)
Classics	30	-	-
History	30	30	30
Geography	30	30	30
RS	30	30	30
Art	Times vary according to class		
Textiles	20	20/30	30
Technology	20	20/30	30
Music	Instrumentalists 30 mins practice daily		

The above times are approximate as people work at different rates. No pupil should, however, be spending an excessive amount of time on homework on a regular basis. Tutors should be informed if this is the case

It is the ethos of the School that homework should not prevent the pupils from participating in a full range of extra-curricular activities, which they can pursue in the evenings or at the weekend. Homework is not usually set over half term holidays for Years 7-10. Homework may be set over the longer holidays, especially in Years 10, 11 and 6th Form. The Pastoral and Academic Leadership Teams continue to examine the existing policy with respect to homework. An amended programme was put in place for Year 7 with effect from September 2010.

Year 7

The following strategy has been adopted for Year 7

- That the word 'homework' be removed from policy and procedure documents
- That the term 'Independent Study' be applied to subject based tasks undertaken outside normal curricular time.
- That the timetable is built to accommodate and co-ordinate the aims of each Year 7 subject as well as recognising potential conflicts with enrichment activities.
- Timetable
Part weeks at the beginning and end of any term are 'homework free'
31 full teaching weeks – exclude last full week of the summer term, KS3 examination week, The last full week of the autumn term.
That the first three full weeks of the summer term are designated as Independent Assessment Preparation Weeks.
The resulting timetable for Year 7 spans 24 school weeks.

Years 10/11

A target of 1 hour per subject, per week is expected. As the average number of subjects taken is 9, this amounts to a total of 9 hours per week. An allowance for any scheduled coursework preparation and tasks should be made within the allocated time.

Lower Sixth

A student who is studying a programme of 4 AS levels in the Lower Sixth Year will have 33-37 timetabled lessons, giving a total of just under 22 hours a week of tuition time. This includes the Life skills, Enrichment and PE programmes. They will have a minimum of 8 study periods. It is appropriate that weekly preparation should not exceed 12 hours per week comprising 3 hours per subject to include private study periods.

Lower Sixth students also take the opportunity to be actively involved in the management of whole school activities such as the School Magazine, Young Enterprise and Performing Arts.

Upper Sixth

A student who focuses on a programme of 3 subjects to A2 may expect to spend a minimum of 5 hours per week in preparation and private study for each subject.