

Kettering Buccleuch Academy ICT Homework Policy

Regularly completing homework is an essential part of learning at Kettering Buccleuch Academy. Homework can be set for many purposes but some of the main aims are to assess and monitor students learning, consolidate learning, develop valuable research skills, promote independent study and to stretch more able students.

Students will be set homework according to one of the policies below. These vary because of the number of lessons a student will have in different subjects in different Academy years. If you have any concerns or questions about your child's homework please do not hesitate to contact the relevant person via their email address below. Alternatively you can phone the Academy on 01536 515644.

ICT

As a faculty we are aware that every student does not have access to a computer at home and therefore homework is tailored to fit all students circumstances. However any student can use our facilities to complete computer based homework during their lunch hour or after school on a Tuesday or Wednesday.

Years 7 and 8

In Year 7 and 8, students will receive homework at appropriate times within the course. This will not be more than once a fortnight but could be less. Most of these homeworks will be planning or evaluating a piece of work they have completed in school. This homework will form part of their assessment in ICT and because of this it is vital that students complete the homework in depth. Homework may also be set on the theory of ICT. This homework should take between 30 and 60 minutes to complete.

Years 9 to 11

In these academic years every student will be completing the OCR Nationals course in ICT. This course is 100% coursework and as such has to be largely completed in school. Students may be asked to complete planning at home or to collect resources for their units. This will be at appropriate times in the course and not on a regular weekly basis. Students have the opportunity to complete outstanding computer based work during their lunch hour or after school on a Tuesday or Wednesday.

Years 12 and 13

In these academic years students are expected to carry out independent research into the areas of ICT they are studying. The amount of time needed for this is about 3 hours a week (one hour for each unit of work they are studying). 2/3 of the course is assessed by coursework tasks which are substantial pieces of work and students are expected to plan

their own time outside lessons (with guidance from staff) to ensure that they complete the work by the deadlines set.

If you have any concerns or questions about homework please email the Head of ICT, Mrs E Saunders, at Evonne.Saunders@ketteringbuckleuch-academy.org.