

Kettering Buccleuch Academy Homework Policy - MFL

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.

MFL

Years 7, 8 and 9

All students will receive one piece of homework a week. This homework should take between 30 and 60 minutes to complete. Homework set will either take the form of either a learning, reading or written task. Learning new vocabulary and grammatical structures that can be applied to all aspects of language learning is an essential element for improvement and progression within that language. Homework deadlines will be strictly enforced. Learning homework will be tested during the lesson it is due in. Students will be re-assessed in their own time, if they do not achieve the pass mark agreed when the learning homework is set. In preparation for the Controlled Conditions Formal Assessments which take place during the penultimate weeks of Term 2, Term 4 and Term 6, students will be set preparation and learning homework. They will either prepare and learn an extended piece of writing or prepare and learn a speaking presentation to be assessed during lesson time. It is anticipated that during this preparation time for the assessments, students may spend longer on their language homework over the course of the week.

Years 9 (for students starting GCSE) to 11

In these academic years every student will receive one piece of homework in MFL every week. This homework should take 45 to 60 minutes to complete. Tasks set will be relevant to the aspect of the GCSE course taught at that particular time, they may include listening, speaking, reading or writing tasks. The key to success at GCSE is to learn and consolidate all new vocabulary and grammatical structures as they are covered in lessons over the course of the two years. It is therefore very good practice for students to look over the work covered in lessons at home and set themselves a weekly core list of words and phrases to learn, even if the homework emphasis for that week is not on learning vocabulary and grammatical structures. When students are required to prepare for a Controlled GCSE Assessment in Speaking or Writing, parents will be sent a letter at the beginning of the preparation time, notifying them of the task requirements. It is expected that during this

time, students will spend longer than their standard homework allocation over the course of the week.

Years 12 and 13

In these academic years every student will receive two pieces of homework in MFL every week. Each homework task should take at least 60 minutes to complete. In addition to this it is expected that each student will do a minimum of 1 hour independent study every week.

In the examinations, great emphasis is placed in the mark scheme on evidence that the student has independently researched particular topic areas and has formulated their own thoughts and opinions on their own research. It is also highly recommended that students listen to the radio and access newspaper or magazine articles on-line in their chosen language in their own time.

If you have any concerns or questions about homework please email the Head of MFL, Miss D. Smith, at Deborah.smith@ketteringbuccluch-academy.org