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Home Learning Policy

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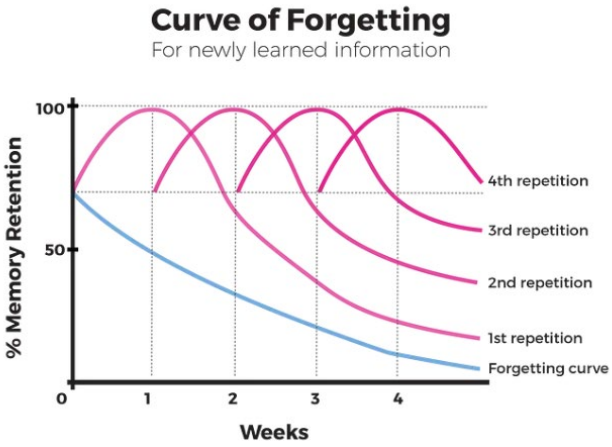
1. Introduction

The aim of this policy is to support students, parents and staff at St Aldhelm's Academy to unite behind giving students the best possible opportunities to succeed. It is also intended to expand subject learning and the joy of learning a subject area. This policy should be read in line with the Teaching and Learning framework as well as other academy documents.

2. Purpose of Homework

The purpose of homework at St Aldhelm's Academy is to:

- Reinforce classroom learning and help students practice skills.
- Encourage independent learning and responsibility.
- Foster a partnership between home and school.
- To benefit students who meaningfully engage with homework by enhancing their understanding and retention of subject material.
- The more a student engages with homework the more likely they are to remember it (Diagram below).



3. Homework Expectations

- Homework will be assigned regularly to complement classroom learning (please see table below).
- Tasks will be meaningful and tailored to individual student needs.
- Students are encouraged to complete their homework to the best of their abilities.

Key Stage 3 (Years 7, 8 and 9)	Key Stage 4 (Years 10 and 11)
<u>Weekly</u> Core subjects weekly – English, Maths and Science <u>Termly</u> Option subjects – project work once over a term	All GCSE options weekly or biweekly (depending on subject)

Key Stage 3 Focus	Key Stage 4 Focus
Core subjects (English, Maths, and Science): • Compulsory and will have regular homework assignments. This will be mostly on Sparx. <u>For other subjects:</u> • One termly set homework • Academic projects will be set to allow students to explore topics further and develop critical thinking and research skills. Projects will be designed to encourage independent learning. • Project work will not be "making things" unless appropriate to Tech/Art or PA subjects.	• CORE subjects will set 60 minutes of homework each week. • Option subjects will set 60 minutes of homework biweekly • Additional Homework will be set on the run up to exams. • Homework will focus on consolidating knowledge and preparing for exams. • Assignments will be designed to enhance understanding and application of subject content.

Encouragement Over Sanctions

- Our approach emphasizes encouragement and support rather than sanctions.
- If homework is not completed, teachers will work with students to understand challenges and provide assistance. Students will be booked into the afterschool homework club to support them with their completion of their homework.

4. Homework Management

- All homework will be set on ClassCharts, ensuring clear communication between teachers, students, and parents.
- Students and parents should regularly check ClassCharts for updates and deadlines.
- Teachers will provide resources and instructions on Teams to support homework completion.

5. Support for Students

- Subject-specific support clubs may be available to help students with their homework and understanding of subject material.
- Whole school support sessions will be held every day in the library, providing a quiet space and additional resources for completing homework.
- Peer study groups are encouraged to foster collaborative learning.

6. Role of Parents and Guardians

- Encourage a regular homework routine and provide a quiet space for study.
- Support and guide your child but allow them to complete tasks independently.
- Communicate with teachers if your child experiences difficulties with homework.

7. Process in Place

1. One week homework deadline
2. Daily homework support club 3:00 - 4:00 including access to computers in the library
3. Homework reminder when not met deadline
4. 20 minutes Homework call back when incomplete homework - this will also result in a -1 point on the students' profile which would risk access to rewards and activities weeks at the end of term.
5. If homework is not completed in 20-minute homework call-back then this would lead to a 1-hour detention and the normal detention system until complete.

Please refer to the positive relationships policy for more details.