Homework Policy

Homework enhances student learning, improves achievement and can develop effective study skills, time-management and independence. The Academy's ***READY*** values will be instilled via engagement with home learning. As such, it is an integral part of a blended curriculum helping our ***Young Ambassadors*** become ***Employable*** when they leave Lancaster Academy.

Students of all abilities at Lancaster Academy will be given equal opportunities to access and complete at home, thus enabling each individual to achieve their personal best. Work provided will be adapted to meet the needs of each learner.

Aims

Homework enables students to:

- ensure active participation in life-long learning opportunities, modelling the positive behaviours we expect from our ***Young Ambassadors***
- enable students to achieve their full potential by learning in a variety of ways and by challenging all students to think for themselves and by demonstrating ***Respect*** by taking responsibility for their learning
- develop a love of reading, promoting disciplinary literacy within the subjects
- consolidate and extend work covered in class or prepare for new learning activities showing true ***Accountability*** for their learning
- show key ***Employability*** skills such as digital literacy through application of ICT technology
- access a range of learning activities using various interactive learning platforms
- to enhance their study skills e.g. planning, time management and self discipline.
- to take ***Accountability*** and responsibility for learning
- engage parents with the curriculum showing a **Respect** for work to be completed
- create channels for home-school dialogue

Academy Procedures

- Home learning will be communicated using the online platform Satchel One, available to both students and parents. In exceptional cases paper copes provided.
- All homework will be appropriate to the needs of students
- Exceptional work will be recognised through the Academy's rewards system
- Failure to complete work will be addressed initially by faculties and communicated to parents
- Homework club is available to all students, every week after school to support the completion of home learning tasks - ***Diversity***

Expectations: How much and by whom?

Due to the nature of a two-week timetable homework may be set on a fortnightly basis within subjects. On average, 1 hour of homework will be set per subject, per two-week period.