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DAME ALLAN'S SCHOOLS HOMEWORK POLICY

Homework is an essential part of the education offered at Dame Allan's. The purpose of homework is to:

- Check pupils have understood class work and develop and reinforce the learning which has taken place in the classroom.
- Exploit the outside world to the benefit of class work.
- Enable external examination groups to revise on an ongoing basis.
- Enable pupils to develop and practise specific skills.
- Cover the whole syllabus in appropriate detail.
- Encourage a work ethic within the subject and develop and reinforce the capacity for independent study and encourage pupils to take responsibility for their own learning.
- Enable work to take place that is impossible within the constraints of the classroom.
- Leave more time available in lessons for activities for which the teacher is essential.
- Give time for pupils to develop a creative response.
- Stretch the more able pupils by setting open-ended tasks.
- Raise the standard of achievement.
- Prepare for future lessons.

It is the responsibility of each pupil to ensure that he/she spends at least the amount of time specified for each subject on a given day. All pupils in Years 3 – 13 are issued with a planner each September. Pupils must bring the planner to each lesson and will record homework requirements.

It is the responsibility of staff to ensure that constructive homework is properly set in accordance with the Homework Timetable issued to each year group. Form teachers will check planners regularly.

It is the responsibility of parents to ensure that the right conditions for homework prevail at home. Parents should monitor homework by reference to the planner and should contact the Form Teacher if they have any concerns.

Approximate Homework Times

These timings will vary according to the subject timetable for each class, each day.

	Monday – Thursday	Friday/Weekend
Reception	Daily reading, letters and sounds flashcards.	Weekend News Phonics workbook Mathletics
Year 1	Daily reading, mental maths and then spellings from Epiphany term	One weekend task
Year 2	Daily reading, spellings, mental maths	One weekend task
Year 3	25 mins on Mon & Wed	25 mins
Year 4	25 mins	25 mins
Year 5	30 mins	30 mins
Year 6	40 mins	40 mins
Year 7	60 mins per day	
Year 8	65 mins per day	
Year 9	70 mins per day	
Years 10 & 11 GCSE years	1 hour per subject per week	
Years 12 & 13 A Levels	4-5 hours per subject per week.	