

HOMEWORK

AIMS

To establish a department policy that:-

- A] Enhances the study of the syllabus currently under investigation, or to be studied.
- B] Provides a wider base of study to develop essential skills and concepts, and helps promote basic learning processes and skills related to Music.

LINKS TO WHOLE SCHOOL POLICY

This policy should be read in conjunction with whole school policies:

Homework
Behaviour
Special Educational Needs
Equal Opportunities
Assessment
Communication with Parents
Curriculum

In KS3 the homework will be in the form of projects set over a set number of weeks and will involve: research of a topic being studied.

In KS4 and the Sixth Form the homework will be set either weekly or over a set period of time and will involve: the preparation for a unit of work to be studied, the development of coursework and the preparation for external examinations.

PROCEDURE-SETTING OF HOMEWORK

- 1.1 Team members are responsible for setting, marking and recording homework.
- 1.2 Team members will ensure that all homework appears lesson plans.
- 1.3 Homework may take a variety of forms, but in all cases should be seen to be relevant to the actual or proposed programme of study.
- 1.4 It is the team member's responsibility to ensure that homework is recorded in the most suitable manner. (In the majority of cases this will be in a pupil's homework diary).

COMPLETION OF HOMEWORK

- 2.1 Staff need to set a realistic time-span for the completion of homework- if possible allow five days for the completion of most work set.

2.2 If extended project – type homework is set, it is the team member's responsibility to clearly indicate the duration of this homework (as opposed in 2.1) and if appropriate indicate stages where monitoring progress will help lead to its completion.

2.3 Staff should be aware of each KS homework timetable and duration of homework

HOMEWORK AND RESOURCES

3.1 Homework should be challenging therefore, unless there is a specific need, direct copying (including 'downloads') is to be discouraged except in the presentation of images and lists relevant to the nature of the project.

3.2 The department has limited resources but they are available for short term loan.

HOMEWORK AND MARKING

In the final analysis homework monitoring in the Music department is the responsibility of the team leader, who will liaise with staff, parents, pupils and other parties as considered necessary to maintain the team's and whole-school policy.

It is to be remembered that other monitoring procedures are in effect.

- a) Tutors – by looking at homework planners
- b) Parents – through normal contact and concern about their children's progress
- c) SMT as part of their overall monitoring responsibilities.
- d) Governors as part of their review process