

ICT and Computing

Homework Policy KS4

As a student at Lord Lawson of Beamish Academy, everyone will be expected to study outside of lessons. This additional study is essential if students are to achieve or exceed their target grade. Failure to work outside of lessons is a breach of a students' learner agreement and will disadvantage them in terms of their final grade. Homework is set in order to:

- Reinforce and consolidate work covered in lessons
- Encourage independent and reflective learning
- Develop a deeper knowledge and understanding
- Prepare students for future lessons or assessments
- Promote an interest and joy in learning
- Enable teachers in to make a judgement about a student's progress and level of attainment

Homework will be varied in terms of tasks and relevant and rewarding for students. In vocational courses homework may constitute on-going work on an assignment or assignments. Other homework may consist of:

- Practice exam questions
- Research
- Planning Activities
- Responding to teacher feedback
- On line activities e.g. using doddlelearn.co.uk

Deadlines for all homework should be manageable for students. Some homework will be assessed by class teachers, often using exam board criteria and assessment objectives. Assessed homework will normally be returned to a student within 10 working days. Teachers will inform students about the expected time the homework should take to complete and when the homework is due in.

- For a level 2 subject, it is recommended that students should receive a minimum of two pieces of homework per half term
- During periods in which there are examinations or controlled assessments, homework will normally be to prepare and/or revise, where this is possible.

Measures to ensure that Students complete homework.

- Students that fail to complete homework will be asked to join after school classes to catch up with the work that they have missed.
- Students that persistently fail to complete homework will be referred to the respective houseblock and a detention may be issued by the head of department.
- Students that don't produce homework following a referral may eventually be placed on a subject report. This monitoring contact will be sent home to parents.