

# Midleton College



## Homework Policy

### Purposes and Benefits of Homework

1. **Practice** Gives each student an opportunity to review material and to demonstrate mastery of skills taught in class and to increase speed, mastery and maintenance of skills.
2. **Preparation** Ensures that students are ready for classes.
3. **Participation** Increases each student's individual involvement in applying specific skills and knowledge.
4. **Personal Development** Builds student responsibility, perseverance, time management, self-confidence, feelings of accomplishment, ability to work independently and to use learning resources outside class.

Homework is designed to be a positive experience and to encourage students to learn. In Midleton College homework is not used as a punishment

It is the College policy, supported by educational research, that all pupils are set a regular pattern of homework. The form in which this is set will vary as between subjects and years. However, each academic subject teacher is expected to set and correct homework regularly. Please bear in mind the following weekly expected amounts of homework:

Year	Weekly Total	Number of subjects
1st	+/- 10 hours per week	13 academic subjects
2nd	10-12 hours per week	11 academic subjects
3rd	+/-14 hours per week	11 academic subjects
4 <sup>th</sup>	+/- 13 hours per week	10 academic subjects
5th	+/- 15 hours per week	7-8 academic subjects
6th	+/- 15 hours per week	7-8 academic subjects

- A standard text book page may typically be read in 3-4 minutes

Homework may take the form of written, reading, investigative or design work. It is College policy that all pupils in all years are set homework on a daily basis. It is the responsibility of teachers to ensure that a reasonable balance is achieved so that pupils do not find themselves overloaded with homework one night of a week and without homework on other nights. Good communication and planning between subject departments can ensure that this is the case.

Pupils are provided with a Homework Journal which they are expected to bring to class each day. In the event that a Homework Journal is lost, they may be replaced from the College office at a cost of €6.

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