



THE CASTLE ROCK SCHOOL

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HOMEWORK POLICY

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Our attitude to homework

At the Castle Rock School, we recognise that students are entering a world where they need to be constant and active learners. We believe that these habits need to be embedded whilst they are at school and set homework which allows all our students to achieve to the best of their ability and encourages independence. One very effective way of learning is called 'Retrieval Practice'. This is when students regularly review and practice ideas they have learnt earlier in the course. The more often you try to remember ideas, skills or knowledge, the more they stick in your memory.

To support this, almost all homework will be based around Retrieval Practice. Students will be asked to recall and practice knowledge, not just from the lesson they have done that day, but from other points in the course as well to check they have remembered this knowledge.

Type of work set

Homework can come in many forms. It might be answering questions in a quiz, making flashcards (which they can build up and continue to use themselves) producing knowledge organisers, or making mind maps or using the knowledge learn to answer questions to practice the application of that knowledge. You can help as parents by regularly asking your child to explain what they learnt that day. It's a simple exercise, but it really helps students to learn the important ideas and remember them long term.

Volume of work set for homework

The volume of homework will vary depending on Key Stage, subject and completion of topics. depending on when topics have been covered. Whilst homework may be set on a variety of platforms, i.e. Complete Tutor for Maths, Seneca for Humanities, details of all homework will be listed on Beehive and students will be given sufficient notice so they can plan their time.

Consequences and rewards

Homework is an important part of learning, and we care that students do it regularly, and do it well. Therefore, if homework is not done, Beehive will update to show the homework is beyond the deadline. C2.5 homework detentions may also be set. All students are encouraged to speak to their teachers if any issues with their homework arise before the deadline. The non-completion of homework will be followed by a warning and the opportunity to complete it for a future date before sanctions are put into place.

To recognise the students that work hard at home and to encourage all to complete their homework, any homework completed to the expected standard will result in a reward point.