



**THE CASTLE ROCK
SCHOOL**

Lionheart Educational Trust

HOMework POLICY

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1. Aims

Lionheart Educational Trust aims to support the aspirations of all our learners and to ensure that they gain the understanding, skills and experience they need to make progress and succeed in learning and work

2. Introduction

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 will allow all our students to achieve to the best of their ability and encourage 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 they try to remember ideas, skills or knowledge, the more they stick in their 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 recent lessons, but from earlier periods of the course as well, to check they have remembered previous content.

3. Type of work set

Homework can come in many forms. It might be to complete online tasks, make flashcards (which they can build up and continue to use themselves) make mind maps or using the knowledge learnt to answer questions. You can help with retrieval 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 recall the important ideas and remember them long term.

4. Volume of work set for homework

The volume of homework will vary depending on key stage, subject and completion of topics. All homework will be set on Beehive and students will be given advance notice so they can plan their time.

5. 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. The non-completion of homework will be followed by a warning and the opportunity to complete it for the following lesson before sanctions are put into place.

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