



**Broadlands Hall School
Homework
Policy**

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Homework Policy

Homework, or “Extended Learning”, can take many forms and include support for therapy programmes, work towards topics or Individual Education Programme targets. Work relating to behaviour programmes may also be introduced if appropriate.

Homework is an important aspect of our home-school partnership. The purpose of ‘homework’ should be clear and the school really does need the assistance of carers / parents to support the process. If a carer feels that the work set is not appropriate, they should please contact school staff to discuss.

Ideally, homework should motivate students in their desire to achieve and become more skilful, knowledgeable, independent and better prepared for the world beyond school. All of our homework tasks are personalised to the students to match their ability and their study programmes. They are not intended to be overly challenging.

Students will all be set a weekly homework and it is anticipated that Care Staff will help them to plan specific time and days and avoid unexpected demands. (**Homework tasks at Broadlands Hall School fall into six main categories:**

- Life Skills Tasks: students could be set different skills to practise each week at home. Their carer will please sign off the activity, adding any notes that they feel acknowledge the skill and independence the student has shown.
- Citizenship: material relating to the theme of the week or current news item will be supplied along with a discussion prompt sheet.
- Specific Activities: some students may sometimes be set a specific and detailed activity that relates to their in-school learning directly each week.
- Research Tasks: some HW activities may require students to research, on the internet, a particular topic and print off a small section of evidence and stick it in their books.
- *More able students will be set-up with broader and more complex tasks that may be completed on-line or on paper. Students and carers will be provided with a half-termly Homework schedule giving tasks and due dates*

How much time?

This is a matter of student ability and their personal programme. For example, students studying for GCSE style qualifications may expect to be asked to complete four or more hours of homework each week. Each homework task will detail the amount of time that a student is expected to need to complete the tasks.

Teachers will check Homework books weekly and comment upon the work.

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Incomplete Homework

- Reading: all students will be helped to select a reading book to read at home. This is mandatory for all and the expectation is that, a minimum of 1 hours per week will be spent reading or being read too.
- In partnership with the homes, students will receive appropriate sanctions for non-completion of Homework, comprising additional hours in school to complete the set work.

Independent Study:

Students in year 11 and year 12 who are taking Level 1 and Level 2 qualifications that year will attend school until 3.50 PM on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. In this additional 50 minutes they will complete topic specific independent study, set by the school. This is designed to help students who might otherwise struggle with higher level homework tasks.