# Merchant

# School



### **HOMEWORK POLICY**

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### **Principles**

Homework is a key pupils develop good independent working patterns and that they organise themselves effectively. Academic studies show that homework can be a vital tool in developing understanding,

boys will organise their time towards that in the intervening period. Other subjects may set smaller, discrete, tasks that

point. There may be some weeks

is always work to be done; consolidation, planning and organisation can always be used to fill the time available to them, as well as extension work. Equally, revision should not be seen as something to just do at the end of the course, but rather as an on-going process, supporting incremental learning throughout the year.

#### The Middle School

Boys in the Middle School typically study 9 or 10 subjects and should expect homework of some kind in each subject, each week. Typically, they can expect to spend 60-90 minutes per GCSE subject each week.

in any given week, they should

use that newly available time to consolidate past learning and to test themselves, as well as to read ahead.

#### The Lower School

In the Upper Third Form and The Fourth Form, pupils study a greater breadth of subjects (perhaps 14 or 15 in a fortnight) and consequently, their individual subject allocations are reduced. A boy in the Upper Third Form or the Fourth Form should expect to complete between 30 and 60 minutes of homework per subject per week, with more being completed in the subjects which they have more often.