

## **HOMEWORK POLICY**

Regular homework is considered an integral part of the curriculum at Island Academy. All students will have regular homework.

All staff at IA record full homework instructions and due dates in writing, on the classroom white-board. Students must record these instructions in their agendas with NO EXCEPTIONS.

**IN GRADES 7-13 IA OPERATES A 'ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY' ON LATE WORK. ANY ASSIGNMENTS HANDED IN LATE ARE STILL REQUIRED BY THE TEACHER BUT WILL RECEIVE A ZERO.**

## **HOMEWORK GUIDELINES**

- Homework can be the basis for class follow-up and discussion.
- Homework can provide reinforcement of information and ideas.
- Students should be able to complete homework assignments with minimal assistance from a parent.
- Students must have a clear understanding of the task and the instructions to be followed.
- If a child is having difficulties with his/her homework, parents are advised to contact the appropriate teacher by email.
- Unfinished class work, resulting from a student's inattention in class, should be assigned for completion at home.
- When students are absent for an extended period, parents are encouraged to pick up homework. Students are encouraged to collect any missed notes/assignments from fellow classmates or their teachers.

## **RECOMMENDED HOMEWORK TIME ALLOCATION GRADES K-11**

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Recommended Time Allocation per 5 day week</b>
Kindergarten	15-20 minutes daily
Grade 1-3	15-30 minutes daily with time built-in for shared reading
Grade 4-6	30-60 minutes daily
Grade 7-9	Up to 2 hours daily
Grade 10-11	A minimum of 2 hours- increased nearer to CXC exams

**IB HOMEWORK TIME ALLOCATION** (Grade 12-13)

The IB programme expects a level of study equivalent to college work. IB students should expect to do anywhere from 2 to 3 hours of homework each day, 5 to 6 days each week. Extra homework time (beyond usual expectation) may be spent reading novels for English class, outside reading for TOK and the Extended Essay research.