

Homework Policy

Regular homework is considered an integral part of the curriculum at Island Academy. All students will have regular homework in a variety of subject areas.

Staff must record the homework activities on the board with the due date. It is mandatory for students to copy it into their agendas/planners from Grade 2 - Grade 11. Even if students have already completed activities in class they should still record it in their planners. This serves as a clear record for parents and staff as to how much homework is being set.

Secondary teachers should communicate with each other via staff meetings or IB meetings to ensure homework and exam preparation is set in a timely fashion to give students the best chance to do well.

Homework can be the basis for class follow-up and discussion or it can provide reinforcement of information and ideas introduced in class. With the exception of special projects that call for parent participation, 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, students should contact relevant staff members in person or on email before the deadline.

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.

Recommended Homework Time Allocation Grades K-11

Grade	Recommended Time Allocation
Grade K-3	15-30 minutes daily with time built-in for shared reading
Grade 4-6	20-30 minutes daily (total)
Grade 7-9	30-60 minutes per subject per week
Grade 10-11	60-90 minutes per subject per week

IB Homework Time Allocation

(Grade 12-13)

The IB programme expects a level of study equivalent to college work. Homework will be set, but students are also expected to exercise good study habits and spend time reviewing content throughout the year. Homework/study should not exceed 12 hours per week.

SL subjects	Maximum of 90 minutes per subject per week
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HL subjects	Maximum of 120 minutes per subject per week
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A student doing the full diploma should therefore expect to spend 6 hours per week on HL subjects, and 4.5 hours per week on SL subjects.

Students should also do continual revision and review to ensure exam readiness.

The time requirements for each subject will increase around Internal Assessment deadlines.