

HOMEWORK

STUDENT RESPONSES TO THE QUESTIONNAIRES (November/December 2009)

Of 750 student returns:

1. Most students (81.8%) feel that they get the right amount of homework to do at home. Replies were positive to this question across all Year groups.
2. Most students record homework into their organisers (86.8%). Responses were similar across all Year groups.
3. Most students (86.2%) say they always hand their homework in on time. Responses in Y7 were the most positive although all Year groups showed an overall positive response to this question.
4. The large majority of students (74%) say they get homework from all of their subjects. The responses were similar in each Year group.
5. The large majority think they get too much homework (69.7%). This changes in Y11 & 13 where there appears to be more of a balance in terms of responses.
6. The majority (61.3%) feel that homework helps them to learn better. However the most positive response is from Y7 students. Students in Years 9 – 11 are less positive regarding this question.
7. The majority feel that homework is very important (59.8%). Again Y7 students are very positive about this but figures for other Year groups, especially Years 10 & 11 do not match this.
8. The majority say that their homework is always marked. (57.6%). Y9 – 11 responses were the most negative here. But a proportion of students in each Year group responded in the negative to this question.
9. The majority of students talk to their parents about their homework (57%), and a majority have help from their parents (51.7%). Responses were less positive in Y11-13 indicating more independence in study habits.
10. The majority feel that homework is really useful (55.8%). This was very positive in Y7 but less so in the other Year groups. Only in Year 10 was there a more negative than positive response to this aspect.
11. A majority of parents (51%) look at their children's homework. The most positive responses came from Y7 & Y8. Older students' responses indicated a lower percentage of parental active engagement with homework.
12. A minority of students say that their parents always look at their homework when it is finished (47.7%). Years 11 and 12 stood out as the Year groups where the majority said they did not talk to their parents about their homework.
13. A small minority of students (25.6%) usually enjoy their homework. The majority of students in Years 8 onwards stated that they did not enjoy homework.