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Why we set homework at Brigshaw

Homework helps students review what they have learned, practise key skills, and build independent learning habits. It supports important life skills such as organisation, time management, and responsibility. Research from the Education Endowment Foundation shows that well-designed homework in secondary schools can lead to about five months of additional learning progress.

When homework is clear, manageable, and supported at home, it reinforces classroom learning and helps students reach their full academic potential.

We hope students complete homework because they understand its value, rather than because of rewards or consequences. However, your support at home - by checking the parent portal and student planner - greatly helps ensure homework is completed and encourages the development of important learning habits.

How homework is set at Brigshaw

Teachers set all homework using Arbor, allowing them to share an explanation of the task being set, an estimated completion time, links to relevant resources and a clear deadline for completion. Sometimes the homework on Arbor may share links to or instructions for how to access other online services such as Educake, Sparx Maths or Carousel Learning.

When a homework task has been set, it is shown as an 'assignment' on the student and parent/carer portals of Arbor.

As shown below, the student's homework assignments will be organised under three headings. 'Overdue assignments', 'Assignments that are due' and 'Marked assignments'.

Parents/carers who want to support their child with homework assignment organisation should look at the **'Assignments that are due'** heading as this will show all the homework where the deadline has not yet passed.

Overdue Assignments	
Oxbow Lakes (Due 11 Mar 2019)	Late ►
Assignments that are due	
Addition work (Due 30 Jun 2019)	Waiting for student to submit ►
Marked Assignments	
Creative writing evaluation (Due 27 Mar 2019)	Marked ►

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What happens when a homework deadline has passed

When a homework deadline has passed, it will immediately and automatically move to the 'Overdue assignments' heading until the teacher marks it as submitted. There are two terms in the "Overdue assignments" section which can sometimes cause confusion:

- **Waiting for student to submit:** The due date has passed, but submission has not yet been recorded by the teacher. So, your child may have submitted their homework but the teacher has not yet recorded it as such on Arbor.
- **Not submitted:** The teacher has deliberately marked the homework as incomplete either because it hasn't been submitted or it didn't reach the required standard. Parental support in these cases is vital to help students catch up.

Overdue Assignments	
8G/Ar: Interest - Hobbies Images (Due 06 Nov 2024)	Waiting for student to submit ►
8G/RE: 1. RE Assessment HW (Due 17 Oct 2024)	Not submitted ►

It can sometimes take a couple of days for the completion status to be updated if a teacher needs time to mark the piece of work or if the member of staff was not in school. This means that a piece of homework may have been completed and submitted by a student but still appear in the 'Overdue assignment' heading.

When a homework assignment has been marked as 'submitted' by the teacher after checking, it will move into the 'Submitted Assignments' heading where a student can choose to return to the resources for revision at a later date.

What happens when a homework deadline has not been met

When a homework submission deadline has been missed by a student at Brigshaw, the teacher will speak to them in their next lesson. Where there is no extenuating circumstance, the student will receive a break-time detention which the parent/carer will be notified of via email.

The best way for parents/carers who want to support their child by keeping track of missed homework is to **pay attention to the 'No Homework' email** as this means the teacher has spoken to the child and a break-time detention has been set because the homework wasn't completed or didn't meet the required standard.

The 'Overdue assignment' heading is **not** the best way for parents/carers to track missed homework as it can sometimes take the teacher a couple of days to update the completion log.