

STROMNESS ACADEMY
Geography Department Homework Policy

1. Homework is an integral part of all courses, but is especially important in certificate courses (e.g. National 4/5, Higher, Advanced Higher etc.).
2. When homework is set, pupils should always note down the task in their student planners.
3. Clear and reasonable deadlines will be set for homework which classes will be expected to meet. (eg. pupils might be given around a week's notice for a substantial piece of written work.)
4. Homework assignments will, as far as possible, be varied, interesting and above all, relevant to the course. The purpose of the homework will be shared with the class when it is set.
5. Written homework will be checked or monitored (although there may not be enough time to mark everything). For example, some types of written homework may be checked with the whole class.
6. Most pupils are keen to see how they have done in assessed homework and staff will always try to give positive written feedback and/or constructive criticism.
7. Apart from written assignments, homework may take the form of completing class work and also more open ended assignments (for example, ongoing project research; watch TV weather forecast, collect newspaper cuttings, etc).
8. Only Higher classes normally have their own text books, so it is not usually possible to allow classes to take text books away because other classes may require them. Where classes or individual pupils are permitted to take textbooks away, they will be required to sign and take responsibility for them. Their return will be carefully monitored by the teacher.
9. The nature and frequency of homework assignments are left to the professional judgement of individual staff, although the following table gives a rough guide.

Year	Frequency	Examples of Type of Homework
S1/2	fortnightly	finish off worksheets; tidy up jotter, shade in diagrams; project research or specific homework assignment.
S3/4	weekly	specific written assignment (perhaps fortnightly); past paper style questions; read over notes; finish off class work.
S5/6	most lessons	as for S3/4 but longer written assignments and an expectation that class notes will be completed and read over regularly.

10. Pupils in certificate classes will be directed to materials uploaded to Glow, with the intention that work will be set this way in the event of the school being closed due to inclement weather. Pupils may routinely e-mail homework responses to staff via Glow and can do so also if off school for a prolonged spell.