

## **STROMNESS ACADEMY**

### **Technical Education Homework**

Homework is an integral part of all courses.

Its most important purposes are:

- to help pupils to take responsibility for their own learning
- to foster the idea that learning does not only take place in school
- to give parents some insight into the work their children are doing at school
- to provide a vehicle for parents to support their children in their learning

From the teacher's perspective it provides opportunities for:

- consolidation
- reinforcement
- extension
- revision

It is important to ensure that pupils record the homework given in their student planner.

#### **S1 / S2**

Homework will involve some investigative tasks in connection with various units of work. There will also be some sketching/ graphics work given as reinforcement for work done in school.

GLOW groups are set up for S3 and above; pupils will find useful web links and information to help them successfully complete homework tasks.

#### **S3 / S4**

Homework is given to support classroom activities. It may be in the form of an investigation, production of a report or folio work, or may be used in order to consolidate class work or reinforce and maintain the standard of work expected.

#### **S5 / S6**

Homework becomes an integral part of the coursework. In Int 2 and Higher Graphic Communication, students are expected to do research at home using the textbooks and other resources provided. The department is also available for students to attend during study periods (by arrangement) to use drawing equipment etc.

Homework is used to reinforce and consolidate class work, and to allow pupils the opportunity to make the required progress with all other aspects of the course work.

Where possible, differentiated homework is set which is appropriate to the needs of individual pupils. It can be de-motivating for a pupil with learning difficulties to spend significantly longer on his or her homework than other pupils.

All homework will be marked by the teacher and feedback given to pupils.

All homework issued will be recorded by the teacher, as will non completion of homework.

Parents and Guidance staff will be informed if homework is not completed regularly.