Homework Policy – Middle School

Purpose:

Fintona Girls’ School believes homework should serve several purposes:

- Allow students to complete work they were unable to finish during class. This may include work missed due to illness or involvement in other activities
- Allow students to consolidate work for tests or in preparation for moving to a new unit
- Allow students to complete longer research assignments
- Prepare students for their senior years when homework becomes more frequent and of a longer duration

Policy:

Homework Schedule

Fintona students in Years 5 and 6 are expected to read for a minimum of 30 minutes each night. They are not expected to engage in school work on the weekend or during school holidays. Homework is generally given on Wednesday and due to be handed in the following Wednesday.

Year 5: 40 minutes of homework, four nights a week. These activities cover Mathematics, Literacy (including Spelling) and Units of Inquiry.

Year 6: 45 minutes, four nights a week. Activities vary, but include a selection of Mathematics, English and Units of Inquiry.

Fintona students in Years 7 and 8 are not required to complete formal homework on the weekend or the School holidays. If they engage in school work during these times, that is a decision that they or their parents make.

Year 7: 1 hour of homework, four nights a week

This equates to about 30 minutes per subject per week (some subjects like PE, Drama and Music may not have as much regular set work as other subjects such as Maths or LOTE).

Year 8: 1 and a half hours, four nights a week

This equates to about 45 minutes per subject per week (some subjects like PE, Drama and Music may not have as much regular set work as other subjects such as Maths or LOTE).

Each Year 7 and 8 Tutor will have a whiteboard in their Tutor room which will hold a schedule of homework for the group for a month. The Tutor group will enter their homework together with the Tutor and the Tutor will act as an advocate with other Staff and the Head of Middle School if they detect any problems. The timetable will also indicate any upcoming tests.

Staff will also be encouraged in their individual subjects to negotiate with their students if there are a number of larger assignments or tests being set simultaneously.