

National Qualifications – Expectations and Attitude

All students following National Qualification courses will in addition to completing any specific homework tasks, need to undertake work at home in order to fulfil the coursework requirements laid down by the examination board.

The necessarily strict adherence to coursework deadlines means that pupils will be required to engage in research, collect and record information and/or prepare, continue and evaluate work in their own time, e.g. listening/concepts, audio recording, computer files and practical work.

The nature of much of the work involved together with the specialised resources and facilities frequently required, means that for some pupils they may not always be able to complete homework at home. Accordingly, for all pupils, the department will be made available during most lunch times and on certain occasions, in liaison with department staff, at the end of the school day. Again, the nature of much of the work, allied to the difference between pupils and /or their tasks, means that it is extremely difficult to be specific about the amount of time pupils generally should devote to homework each week; although for the performance aspect, daily practice is a pre-requisite. It is also expected that homework is completed on time. This gives pupils valuable experience in working for deadlines.