

Teaching and Learning at EGA

Teaching and learning at EGA is outstanding. Our teachers are subject specialists and build excellent relationships with students. However, we are not complacent and have a strong culture of continually striving to improve and refine our teaching to best challenge and support our students to achieve outstanding results.

Homework and Independent Study - Our policy on homework is that it should:

- Be recorded on Show My Homework;
- Tangibly add value to a student's learning. This is explained to students explicitly;
- Be meaningful, engaging and interesting;
- Have an appropriate level of challenge for the student;
- Have a clear value in the next lesson, e.g. it contributes to the next lesson's learning;
- Be provided with meaningful and timely feedback – this can be in a range of forms.

Students are set regular homework but are also expected to take increasing levels of responsibility for managing their own learning outside school. We provide suggested study timetables for each year group so that both students and parents are aware of how much they should be doing at home. Expectations will increase steadily each year. Parents can see what homework has been set by logging on to Show My Homework.

Online learning

We encourage all of our students to develop and support their independent learning using a range of digital learning tools. Many departments use online teaching resources to help our girls develop subject specific skills and knowledge. These include:

- Maths Watch and My Maths;
- Educake (Science);
- Vocab Express (Languages);
- Kerboodle (online textbooks for a range of subjects).

We also use Google Classroom – a set of tools that allow students and teachers to communicate and collaborate effectively to enhance learning. Every student is given an EGA Google Account and this is often used to set/submit assignments, work collaboratively on projects, and store their work.

Helping your daughter to learn - You can really help your daughter by:

- Talking to her about her day and what she has learned;
- Encouraging a growth mindset towards her learning in all subjects –the belief that we can all improve at anything if we are willing to be challenged, put in the effort, take on board feedback, use helpful strategies and practise;
- Asking to see her diary, checking what homework has been set and signing it weekly;
- Helping your daughter to organise her work and checking that deadlines are met;
- Developing her independence by encouraging her responsibility for private study;
- Encouraging your daughter to ask for help from the teacher when it is needed;
- Encouraging your daughter to use the library and attend additional classes and activities.