

27th March 2020

An Update on Home Learning for Years 7, 8, 9 and 10

Dear St Marks' Students and their Parents and Carers,

We hope you are well and adjusting to the challenges of home learning. Thank you to those of you who have been logging on to Show my Homework every day and completing the work set by your teachers. This week, we have been working with teachers to research the best ways to support home learning during a difficult time. This letter outlines some important changes which will begin from Monday the 30th March.

Updated Home Learning Timetable

- Home learning will follow a new timetable to ensure that you are being set a manageable amount of work to complete, and that parents can support us to ensure the work is completed every day:

Year 7, 8 and 9

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Core Lesson 1 (50 mins)	English	Maths	Science	English	Maths
Core Lesson 2 (50 mins)	Science	French/Spanish	History	RE	Geography
Core Lesson 3 (50 mins)	Art	DT	Music	IT	Lifeology
Optional Stretch Task	Humanities (Hi, Ge, RE)	Lifeology/ Drama	French / Spanish	Dance	PE

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Year 10

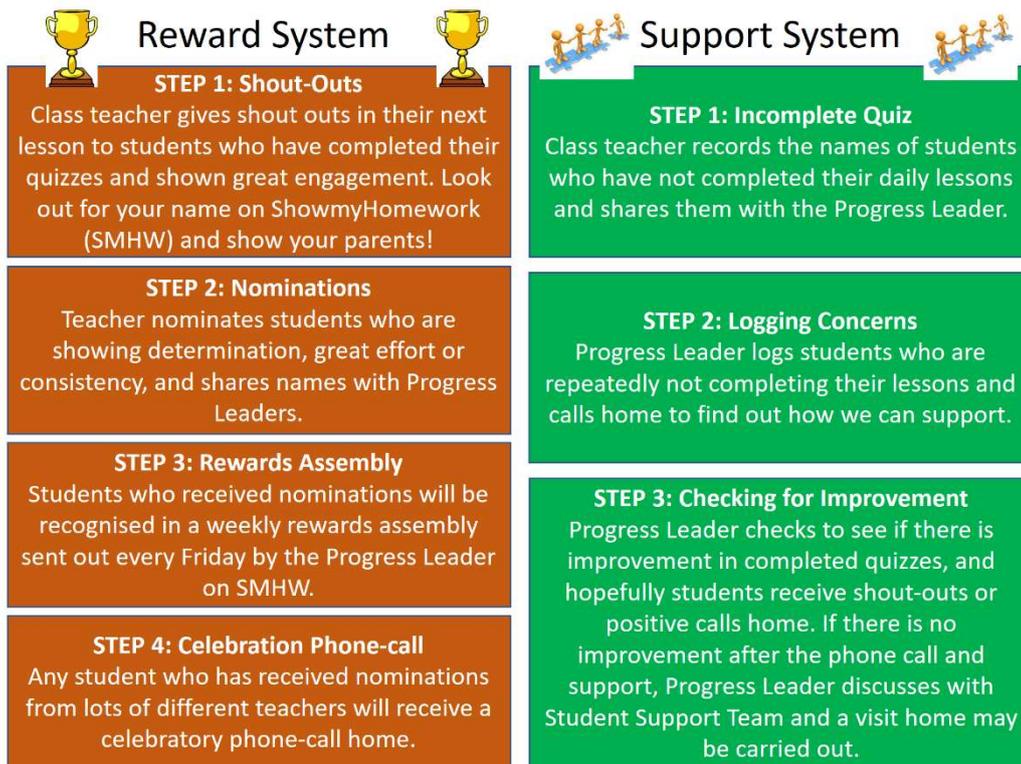
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Core Lesson 1 (50 mins)	English	Maths	Science	English	Maths
Core Lesson 2 (50 mins)	Block A History/ Geography/IT	Block B Film Studies/ French/Art/ Spanish	Block C Film Studies/ RE/Music/Art	Block D Drama/ Business/ PE/DT	Science
Core Lesson 3 (50 mins)	RE	Block A History/ Geography/IT	Block B Film Studies/ French/Art/ Spanish	Block C Film Studies/ RE/Music/Art	Block D Drama/ Business/ PE/DT
Optional Stretch Task	Maths	Science	English	Lifeology	PE

Our expectations

- We expect you to complete all the core lessons set within 24 hours, but you can complete them at any point during the day (this should allow you to share computers/ quiet spaces with your families)
- Every lesson will end in a quiz, which you can complete on either a computer or a smart phone. This must be completed at the end of each lesson, so that your teacher can check how much you have learnt and plan your next lesson carefully
- We will use the quizzes to check student engagement and to run a new reward system to celebrate excellent home learning
- If you do not complete the quizzes set by your teachers, this will trigger our support systems which will mean we call home, or even visit to check that you have what you need to work at home.

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Reward and Support System



How can I help as a parent or carer?

Parents and carers can play a very important role in helping their children to work effectively from home. We suggest the following:

- Creating a clear routine for working each day. E.g. 8.30am log in to Show my Homework and complete lesson 1 and 2. 10:30 am- have a short break and do some exercise. 11:00am complete lesson 3. 12:00pm have lunch and help at home. 2:00pm work on a stretch task
- Ask your children about 'shout-outs' and reward assemblies—has their name appeared? You could even offer your own reward at home when this happens
- Talk to your children about the work they are completing each day. Here are some helpful questions:
 - -What is the first task you have been given today? Can you explain to me what the task is? Is there anything I can do to help?
 - -Would you like to share with me what you have worked on and learnt today? What are you most proud of? What is one thing you would like to return to later or tomorrow that you found challenging?
 - -Have you completed all the quizzes for each of your lessons? I'd like you to be getting some positive phone-calls home! Did you get any shout-outs this week?

Further Support and Next Steps

If you have any problems with Show my Homework, accessing or completing the work, or you need support with home learning, please email HomeLearning@stmarksacademy.org.uk

We will be developing this plan and sharing more information as the weeks go on, so please look out for further communication.

Good luck with your home learning, and work hard!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mrs. Peterkin', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mrs. Peterkin