

Dear Parent/Carer,

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R.E: OUR NEW REWARDS AND SANCTIONS POLICY FOR MS FORM HW QUIZZES

Microsoft Teams is the main platform that we have been using to communicate with our students since September 2020. All our students have been using Teams throughout lockdown so they have become familiar with all its functionalities and benefits. We want to continue to use Teams because **it allows us to easily create meaningful assignments, provide transparent guidance, and share rich feedback with our students**. We know that praise is a key component of good teaching and good staff/student relationships so we want to reward our students who are engaging with the quizzes but also to support and challenge the students who are not engaging.

Homework

During lock down, student surveys told us that students found our carefully designed quizzes a useful learning resource. As a result, **our approach to homework this year is that each subject will set a weekly quiz**. This quiz is carefully designed to help teachers to check how much students have learnt in lessons, and to plan their next lessons to provide further stretch and support. **In a typical week, students will have up to 18 short quizzes to complete to test their understanding of the content covered during that week**. The teacher will enter an **ACHIEVEMENT** point on sims for each student who successfully completes the low stakes homework quiz. Conversely, the teacher will also enter a **BEHAVIOUR** point on sims for non-completion or inadequate attempt. For example, spending 30 seconds to complete the quiz.

What do I need to do as a parent or carer?

Ensure your child logs onto MS Teams every day to look at the resources and complete all their homework quizzes. The best way you can support your child with their home learning is to ensure they have:

- a quiet space to work for a few hours each day or a set of headphones.
- A note book or some scrap paper and a pen

You might also want to ask them questions like these:

"Which subjects are you focusing on for the next hour?"

"Can you tell me what you worked on today?"

"Can you show me the quizzes you have done today?"

Principal Hannah Fahey

Accessing Work for Students who are Self-Isolating or Absent

The approach outlined above also applies to students who are unable to attend school. Students will be able to keep up with their lessons by looking at teachers' lesson resources and completing weekly quizzes. Once students complete the quizzes, teachers will be able to give students feedback and marks so that they know what they are doing well and what they need to improve.

The table below outlines the sanctions for non-completion of the homework quizzes

Negative points on sims for HW	Sanction
KS3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 – 6 sims Quiz negative KS4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2-3 sims Quiz negative KS5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 sims Quiz negative 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conversation with coach during coaching time
KS3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 - 9 sims Quiz negative KS4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4-5 sims Quiz negative KS5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 sims Quiz negative 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 30-minute detention on a Friday If a student hits this threshold twice in a half term they will upgrade to a 60-minute detention. Contact home by the coach to parent
KS3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 - 13 sims Quiz negative KS4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 -7 sims Quiz negative KS5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 sims Quiz negative 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 60-minute detention on Thursday If a student hits this threshold twice in a half term they will upgrade to a 90-minute detention Contact home by the Progress Leader by phone call
KS3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 14 - 18 sims Quiz negative KS4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8-10 sims Quiz negative 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 90 minute SLT detention on Friday If a student hits this threshold twice in a half term they will upgrade to a day in the IEC with a laptop to complete quizzes

The table below outlines the Rewards for completion of homework quizzes

Positive points on sims for HW	Reward
KS3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 - 10 sims Quiz positives KS4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 - 5 sims Quiz positives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shout out in coaching time – stating a quiz that they did really well in/ words of encouragement Achievement point on Sims
KS3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11 - 13 sims Quiz positives KS4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 - 7 sims Quiz positives KS5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 sims Quiz positives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shout out in coaching time Positive phone call home/email Achievement point on sims <p>Awards for most consistent and improved student within the coaching group</p>
KS3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 14 - 18 sims Quiz positives KS4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 – 10 sims Quiz positives KS5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3/4 sims Quiz positives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shout out in assembly Certificate/Post card home Entry to golden ticket raffle (Raffle per year group every half term)
Most improved, completion rate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subject award every fortnight Announced in the year group assembly Certificate/Post card sent home

I also want to take this opportunity to say thank you for actively promoting your child's completion of these quizzes, as well as supporting your child into 100% completion.

Should you have any questions about the MS Forms homework quizzes then please get in touch with me on my email: kwarsop@stmarks.anthemtrust.uk. You can also get in touch with progress leaders: Yr7: LHartDyke@stmarks.anthemtrust.uk, Yr8: ESmith@stmarks.anthemtrust.uk

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Yours faithfully,

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