

Dear Parents and Carers,

23 September 2022

After a fantastic start to our academic year, we are pleased to be writing to you today to formally launch our updated policy for homework and independent study.

To reflect our values of love, hope and trust, we have updated this policy to meet the wider needs of our community, whilst still ensuring that we are providing our students with the opportunities to build up their academic and character excellence.

The St Mark's homework policy is based on research that states 'homework has a positive impact on learning of + 5 months, particularly with pupils in secondary schools' and ([EEF, 2021](#))  
The St Mark's Homework Policy states that:

- **At Key Stage 3** (Years 7,8 & 9), students should spend approximately **30 mins per week per subject**. For some subjects, this homework might be half termly project based
- **At Key stage 4** (Years 10 & 11), students should spend approximately **one hour per week per subject**
- **At Key stage 5** (Years 12 & 13), students should spend approximately **5 hours per week per subject**

For homework to effectively compliment learning in the classroom, all students need to be engaged in homework completion and non-compliance will result in a detention.

Our sanction systems will commence from **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September** and are as follows:

- Non-completion of homework will result in a 30 min detention
- A text message will be sent to parent or carers when a sanction is issued
- Students will be expected to complete work during this detention to promote our vision that students will be supported to realise their God given potential
- Termly reports will be sent to all families to share data about homework completion

To support learners and avoid sanctions being necessary, we have introduced the following support mechanisms:

- Access to all homework and classwork on Teams and paper copies provided where required
- Daily homework club in a supervised IT room from 3:05 – 3:50pm
- Daily access to the library at lunchtime and after school
- Support with IT issues through a pastoral referral process
- One to one support through teachers or coaches
- Support with revision resources for KS4 and KS5
- Parent information evenings to share key strategies to support students with learning at home.

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We hope this letter clearly outlines our homework expectations, but should you have any further questions please contact your child's progress leader.

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We thank you in advance for your support with homework.

With Love, Hope and Trust,



Hannah Fahey  
**Principal**