

Dear Parent/Carer,

03 July 2020

Re: End of Year Quizzes in Year 7,8,9,10 and 12

Thank you for supporting your child with their home learning during lock down—it's almost the end of the year and we really appreciate all your hard work during a challenging time.

We are now at the important stage of finding out what students have understood from their home learning and how much they remember from their lessons before lockdown began.

To help with this, we have created end-of-year quizzes that will provide us with the information we need to help us plan our curriculum and give students the best opportunity for success when we return to school in September.

The quizzes will check students' learning on the things they should have remembered since September and from their home learning during lockdown. **Your child should try their best in these quizzes, but they do not need to worry about them—they are designed to help teachers with their planning.**

When will they happen?

- **The assessments take place on Monday 6th July to Friday 10th July.**
- Please view the timetable below very carefully to help your child to be ready for the quiz on the correct day.
- **Your child should do the quiz on the day it is set**, but realistically we know some are sharing laptops and some are in busy households -- so they may have to wait until the evening to do it in the peace and quiet. Students will have 36 hours to complete each quiz
- **Class teachers will be in contact if students have not completed the quiz within 36 hours.**

What will they look like?

- Each quiz will take between 30-50 minutes
- All quizzes will be posted on Show My Homework, and designed in Microsoft Forms
- Assessments will include multiple choice questions to test for knowledge and some longer answers to assess depth of understanding and application.

Marking and feedback:

These quizzes are designed to help teachers to adapt their planning in September and to close gaps in knowledge. Rather than receiving individually marked quizzes, students will receive:

- Whole class feedback in September and carefully planned lessons to help close gaps in knowledge
- Personalised help with the topics they found most difficult and stretch work for the area's students are confident with
- Some automatic information about their scores as soon as they have completed the quiz

Principal Lisa Peterkin

How can I help my child?

If it is possible, we would really appreciate it if you could support your child to complete these quizzes in the following ways:

- Checking with them each day that they have access to the quizzes on Show My Homework
- Ensuring it is quiet and your child is free from disturbances for the duration of the assessment and has no access to their mobile phone/ distracting apps if using a mobile phone
- You could give the start and finish time...with a 10-minute warning before the finish time
- Ensuring they are not tempted to look up their notes/books.
- Making sure your child submits it straight away to their teacher.

Please do email homelearning@stmarksacademy.org.uk if you have any queries and thank you so much for your support with this very important process.

Yours faithfully,

Ms R Sewell
Mr L Hampton
Mr S Foster

The Home Learning Team

KS3 7,8 & 9	Monday 6th	Tuesday 7th	Wednesday 8th	Thursday 9th	Friday 10th
	English	Maths	Chemistry	Physics	Geography
	Biology	French/Spanish	History	RE	Lifeology
	Art	DT	Music	IT	PE
					Drama

Year 10	Monday 6th	Tuesday 7th	Wednesday 8th	Thursday 9th	Friday 10th
	English	Maths 2	Chemistry	RE	English Lit
	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	Physics
	Maths 1	Biology			