



SMC Homework Policy (KS3-4):

At St Mary's College, we believe that completing homework is a vital part of every student's learning journey. Homework encourages responsibility, reinforces classroom learning, and helps develop independent study skills that are essential for future success. We understand that challenges may arise, but we encourage students to approach their work with determination and faith. Guided by our school's values and inspired by the belief that “***with God, all things are possible***” (Matthew 19:26), we trust that with effort, support, and a positive attitude, every child can flourish.

Year 7: To manage students' transition from primary to secondary, we phase in homework requirements to give students the best possible chance of building positive habits.

Half term 1– Sept to Oct	
Subject	Frequency (max 30 min per homework)
English	Weekly
Mathematics	Weekly

Half term two - Nov – Dec	
Subject	Frequency (max 30 min per homework)
English	Every Week
Mathematics	Every Week
Religious Education	Every 2 weeks
Geography	Every 2 weeks
History	Every 2 weeks

Term two onwards for the remainder of Year 7	
Subject	Frequency (max 30 mins per homework)
English	Every Week
Mathematics	Every Week
Religious Education	Every 2 weeks
Science	Every 2 weeks
Geography	Every 2 weeks
History	Every 2 weeks
Modern Foreign Languages	Every 2 weeks

Year 8 students will receive homework from the following subject areas; most of this homework will be online:

Subject	Frequency
English	Every Week
Mathematics	Every Week
Religious Education	Every 2 weeks
Science	Every 2 weeks
Geography	Every 2 weeks
History	Every 2 weeks
Modern Foreign Languages	Every 2 weeks

Year 9, students will receive homework from the following subject areas, most of this homework will be online:

Subject	Frequency
English	Every Week
Mathematics	Every Week
Science	Every Week
Geography/History	Every Week
Religious Education	Every 2 weeks
Modern Foreign Languages	Every 2 weeks

In Key Stage 4, the expectation is that **all subject areas set 30 minutes** of homework per week in order to consolidate students’ learning and help long-term retention of key information.

Homework content:

Homework tasks are set by the curriculum area.

Most subjects will set homework that is knowledge retrieval based using platforms such as **Carousel Learning** or **Educake**.

More information about specifications studied in each subject area can be found under the ‘curriculum’ page on the school website.

Sanctions:

Homework is essential to students’ long-term success and for fostering a sense of discipline and commitment. As such, if a student fails to complete homework, the following sanctions will apply. Across a one week cycle (Friday-Thursday):

- If students miss, 2 homework deadlines in a one-week period, they will receive a lunchtime detention of **20 minutes on a Friday**.
- If students miss more than 2 homework deadlines, they will receive an after school detention of **35 minutes on a Friday (3.45-4.20 - this will be done in the Pastoral Centre)**.
- If a student misses 2+ homework deadlines in one subject area they will receive a call home from the classroom teacher.
- If a student repeatedly misses homework in a subject area, they will be placed on a department report to monitor students’ engagement and support the student to improve their independent skills.



SM6 Homework Policy:

KS5 the expectation is that **all subject areas set 4/5 hours** of homework per week in order to consolidate students' learning and help long-term retention of key information.

This homework can take many forms including, but not limited to:

Pre reading

Exam questions

Revision cards

Guided research

Article reading

Subject related questions

Coursework

Online platforms

Planning