

SMC Homework Policy:

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.

At Key Stage 3, students will receive homework from most subject areas, but in different frequencies to reflect the curriculum hours.

Subject	Frequency
English	Every week (20-30 minutes)
Mathematics	Every week (20-30 minutes)
History	Every 2 weeks (20-30 minutes)
Religious Education	Every 2 weeks (20-30 minutes)
Geography	Every 2 weeks (20-30 minutes)
Science	Every 2 weeks (20-30 minutes)
Modern Foreign Languages	Every 2 weeks (20-30 minutes)
Computer Science	Once per half term (20-30 minutes)
Art	Once per half term (20-30 minutes)
Design and Technology	Once per half term (20-30 minutes)
Music	No homework set in this subject area
Performing Arts	No homework set in this subject area
PE	No homework set in this subject area

At 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 should preferably be online to maximise students' access to chromebooks, and typically take the form of a knowledge quiz to reinforce taught learning across the term (this could be using a Google Forms quiz or platforms such as Educake or Maths Watch).

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 pieces of homework, they will receive a lunchtime detention of 20 minutes on a Friday.
- If students miss more than 2 pieces of homework, they will receive an afterschool detention of 1 hour on a Friday.
- If a student repeatedly misses homework in a subject area, they will be placed on a department report to monitor students' engagement.

