



HOMework 2016

**A brief guide
(parents/carers & students)**

RATIONALE

At St. George's we aim to ensure that all students experience success in their learning through the setting of planned, meaningful homework which complements, extends and enriches the learning done in class and encourages independent learning.

The purpose of homework is to:

- Encourage all students to develop the skills, confidence and understanding needed to study effectively and independently.
- Consolidate and reinforce learning that takes place in the classroom.
- Provide opportunities to practice assessment tasks and examination questions.
- Prepare for assessment tasks and examinations through the revision of work using a variety of suggested revision techniques.
- Extend school based learning through additional reading, meaningful research and project based tasks.
- Encourage and sustain the involvement of the home in the management of students' learning and keep them informed of the work students are to complete.

AMOUNT OF TIME FOR HOMEWORK

The amount of homework set varies from year to year. Homework is set by staff according to the student homework timetable. The following time restrictions should be used as a guide when homework is set.

- Year 7 & 8 : 45 to 60 minutes per day
- Year 9 : 60 to 80 minutes per day
- Year 10 : 90 to 120 minutes per day
- Year 11: 120 minutes plus (variable during exam periods)

Each timetabled subject **should set homework at least once a week** and provide the appropriate feedback to the students the latest a week following collection of the homework. The amount of homework for some Core subjects, such as Maths and English might be more than once a week. It is expected by the teacher to use at least one of those occasions to set the planned homework task. The second H/wk. does not have to be set but it has to be acknowledged in the student's planner. The extra H/wk. opportunities for Core subjects are there to be used whenever needed.

BEING SUCCESSFUL

GUIDELINES FOR STUDENTS

To be successful with homework you need to be organised.

- Always start your homework on the day it is set. Do not let homework tasks build up to that they all have to be done in a rush one evening.
- Work in a suitable place away from distractions.
- Set aside a time each evening that homework should be done in. Although we all work in different ways it is crucial that high quality homework forms an important part of your evening routine.
- Ask your teacher for help if you cannot do the homework. Whenever possible this must be done before the day/lesson the homework is expected in.
- Enter the homework set in your planner carefully in the lesson so that you know what is expected of you. Don't forget to enter the date it is due in.
- Always take time to reflect on what you have achieved in each lesson. Should you be unsure, ask your teacher next lesson.

GUIDELINES FOR PARENTS/CARERS

We would appreciate your help in encouraging your child to complete their homework.

- Take time to look at your child's books to check that he/she is completing their homework to the best of his/her ability. Initially your child may need more support with organising his/her homework.
- Check your child's homework planner and sign it every week to indicate you have seen their homework completed. Your child should be recording each piece set in their planner together with the hand-in date.
- Encourage your child to seek help if he/she does not understand the work set.
- Please contact the school if you have any concerns.

HOMEWORK/STUDY SUPPORT FACILITIES

The school will work closely with home to give students all possible opportunities to complete their homework. Strategies should be developed to assist students to manage their homework commitments. All pupils have access to the Learning Hub during lunchtime breaks and after school. Homework clubs are running under the guidance of HoC and College tutors can accommodate their college students to complete homework tasks in their form rooms.