
**ST. GEORGE'S R.C.
HIGH SCHOOL**

“A Specialist Technology College”



Homework Policy

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At St George's homework is regarded as an integral part of the work of the school. It can be made up of a variety of tasks, not all necessarily of a written nature. It is work which is set outside of lesson time but need not necessarily be completed at home, but in the school library during Homework Club or in research in the local environment or community. Homework Club is 3.05 to 4.00 p.m. every day in the library. At homework club there is access to computers and the internet.

The school subscribes to SAM learning, a top quality on-line learning service that can be used at home and at school. www.samlearning.com

SCHOOL ID	M28SG
USER ID	Date of birth followed by two initials, first name then last name. Example: 010895DJ is the User ID for David Jones born 01 August 1995
PASSWORD	Initially same as User ID, you should change your password as soon as you login and keep a secure copy of it.

We expect that homework will:

1. encourage pupils to study independently and develop the skills of organisation;
2. to extend class work and allow more rapid progress to be made;
3. to allow practice, where it is needed, of skills in the classroom;
4. develop perseverance and self-discipline;

In order to achieve these aims, all subjects will set homework on a regular basis and all pupils are expected to complete homework and hand it in on time.

Every pupil is issued with a pupil planner at the start of the academic year to help them in their organising and planning. A homework timetable is given to all pupils at the start of each year in September. This year we have designed and purchased high quality planners which are an improvement on previous years. The planners were expensive to purchase but, we feel, worth it. To replace a lost planner would cost £2.00, therefore, I ask that you encourage your child to look after them.

Coursework can be a major component of Key Stage 4 courses. We have a particular concern in Years 10 and 11 when pupils do not apply themselves consistently in completing work and meeting deadlines. This leads to workload congestion and a 'last minute' approach which does not allow them to achieve the highest grades possible. Parents are asked to monitor coursework at home and question their child about deadlines and completion dates.

We hope that you will encourage your child to use their planner sensibly and we ask you please to:

1. feel free to communicate with your child's form teacher through the planner;
2. check that your child is recording homework;
3. check that homework recorded corresponds to homework completed;
4. discuss the work set and completed with your child and sign the planner once a week.

I trust you will encourage your child to record and complete their homework correctly. I would ask that you monitor your child's homework.

If you believe that there is a deficit in the amount of homework being set, please contact either your child's Progress Manager or Subject Departmental Head at any time.