



PARENT HOMEWORK GUIDE

Supporting Success Beyond the Classroom

BE INSPIRED. BE EXCELLENT. SUCCEED.



At All Saints Catholic College, we believe that homework is an important part of every pupil's educational journey. Homework helps pupils develop independence, resilience, organisation, self-discipline and the study habits required for success at GCSE and beyond. Research shows that high-quality homework, completed regularly, can have a significant positive impact on pupil progress.

As parents and carers, your support plays a vital role in helping your child develop positive learning habits and achieve their full potential.

WHY DO WE SET HOMEWORK?

- ✓ Consolidate classroom learning.
- ✓ Improve long-term memory through retrieval practice.
- ✓ Develop independence and resilience.
- ✓ Encourage effective study habits.
- ✓ Prepare pupils for assessments and examinations.
- ✓ Foster a love of reading and learning.
- ✓ Build the skills needed for future education and employment.



Homework is always purposeful and linked directly to learning. It is never set simply to keep pupils busy.

HOMEWORK AT ALL SAINTS



CORE SUBJECTS

Pupils receive approximately one hour of homework per week in:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Religious Education



FOUNDATION SUBJECTS

Pupils receive approximately one hour of homework every two weeks in other subjects, including:

- Geography
- History
- Languages
- Technology
- Art
- Music
- PE



Homework may include independent activities, revision tasks, independent research, extended reading, creative tasks, practical activities or project-based learning.

HOMEWORK PLATFORMS



English

Sparx Reader



Mathematics

MathsWatch



Science

Sparx Science



All Other Subjects

Arbor



Parents and pupils can use Arbor to monitor homework deadlines and assignment completion.

HOW PARENTS CAN HELP

- ✓ Establishing a regular homework routine
- ✓ Providing a quiet space for study
- ✓ Encouraging independence
- ✓ Asking questions about learning
- ✓ Praising effort and perseverance
- ✓ Monitoring Arbor regularly
- ✓ Encouraging reading every day
- ✓ Helping your child balance homework, hobbies and wellbeing



Small, consistent routines often have the biggest impact on success.

CREATING A POSITIVE HOMEWORK ENVIRONMENT



Reduce distractions where possible.



Encourage pupils to leave mobile phones away from their study space.



Provide access to water and basic resources.



Encourage short breaks during longer study sessions.



Promote healthy sleep routines.



A calm environment can significantly improve concentration and productivity.

WHAT IF MY CHILD FINDS HOMEWORK DIFFICULT?

- ✓ Read instructions carefully.
- ✓ Break larger tasks into smaller steps.
- ✓ Speak to their teacher if they are unsure.
- ✓ Attend Homework Club.
- ✓ Use revision resources and knowledge organisers provided by school.



If difficulties persist, please contact school so that support can be arranged.

OUR COMMITMENT TO INCLUSION AND SUPPORT



SEND SUPPORT

- Adapted homework tasks
- Scaffolded resources
- Additional teacher guidance
- Flexible approaches
- Support from Learning Support Assistants
- Access to school facilities and resources



TECHNOLOGY & ACCESS SUPPORT

- Access to computers after school
- Internet access
- Printing facilities
- Paper copies where appropriate
- Technical support with online platforms



HOMEWORK CLUB

- A quiet and structured environment
- Access to computers and internet
- Support from staff
- Help with organisation and study skills
- Opportunities to catch up on work



SUPPORTING READING AT HOME

- Encouraging daily reading
- Discussing books and articles together
- Asking questions about what has been read
- Modelling positive reading habits
- Supporting engagement with Sparx Reader



SUPPORTING REVISION & YEAR 11 SUCCESS

- Use flashcards and knowledge organisers
- Complete retrieval practice activities
- Create revision timetables
- Attend after-school sessions if available
- Holiday and weekend revision opportunities