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Dear Parents and Carers,

Key Stage Three Homework & Assessment Timetable

As part of our ongoing efforts to support your child at St. Michael's, we are pleased to inform you about the Key Stage 3 homework and assessment timetables for the upcoming term.

These timetables will inform you when homework is set and assessments will occur. By providing this information, we aim to help you support your child in managing their workload and preparing effectively for their assessments.

The homework timetables will be available in the curriculum section of the website under Key Stage Three. For your convenience, a copy of the timetable is also attached to this letter. The timetables will be published each term via the school website. Teachers may set additional homework as needed to respond to the needs of different students and classes. You can also stay updated with your child's homework via the ClassCharts app. If you have not yet accessed the ClassCharts app, a reminder of your login code will be posted home to you. If you have forgotten your login, please contact the school office for assistance.

Homework is a critical part of your child's development. Research by the Education Endowment Foundation shows that students who do regular homework make an additional 5 to 6 months of progress each year. This adds up to over two years of extra progress throughout your child's time at school. A summary of educational research by John Hattie found that students who did regular homework increased their attainment by a whole grade in at least six out of ten subjects. Below is a guideline of how long students should spend on homework and independent study each week:

Time per subject per week		
Year 7	Year 8 & 9	Year 10 & 11
30 mins	45 mins	1 – 2 hours

Our Learning Resource Centre is open every day after school for students to complete homework. It has access to computers and printers for online homework. We understand that students have different circumstances and may sometimes struggle to complete homework at home. If your child is having difficulty, they should speak to their teacher or form tutor, who will be happy to support them. You may also contact your child's Pastoral Learning Manager for additional support.

By working together, we can ensure your child achieves their full potential. If you have any questions or need further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. M. McAuley
Deputy Headteacher



Act Justly, Love Tenderly and Walk Humbly with your God

Year 8 Homework & Assessment Calendar

Year 8		WB: 2nd September	
Week A	English	Maths	Science
	Relevant Reading Homework	Weekly Sparx Homework	Weekly Educake
	Art	DT	Computing
			Geography
	History	MFL	Music
	Meanwhile Elsewhere Reading		PE
Baseline Assessment Week			

Year 8		WB: 9th September	
Week B	English	Maths	Science
		Weekly Sparx Homework	Weekly Educake
	Art	DT	Computing
			Data Representation: Binary Addition
	History	MFL	Music
			Geography
			Coasts - Defining the Key Terms
			PE

Year 8		WB: 16th September		
Week A	English	Maths	Science	
	POP Task Assessment Homework	Weekly Sparx Homework	Ecosystems	
	Art	DT	Computing	
				RE Homework - 10 Commandments
	History	MFL	Music	
	French La Francophonie OR Spanish The Hispanic World	Homework 1.1 "Piano Sonata No. 14 (Moonlight Sonata)" by Beethoven	Geography	
			PE	

Year 8		WB: 23rd September		
Week B	English	Maths	Science	
		Weekly Sparx Homework	Weekly Educake	
	Art	DT	Computing	
	Illustration Art homework week. Jon Burgerman typograghy			RE Homework - Creation
	History	MFL	Music	
			Geography	
	History - Source Analysis HW		Homework 1.1 - Theory Worksheet 1	
			PE	

Year 8		WB: 30th September		
Week A	Yr 7 Billingham Library visits continue, Yr7 Welcome Evening with the Form Tutors 1st October			RE
	English	Maths	Science	RE Homework - Baptism
	English Revision Mat	Weekly Sparx Homework	Weekly Educake & Written Homework 1	
	Art	DT	Computing	Geography
	History	MFL	Music	PE
	French/ Spanish PoP Task			

Year 8		WB: 7th October		
Week B	English	Maths	Science	
	English Assessments This Week	Weekly Sparx Homework	Weekly Educake	
	Art	DT	Computing	
				Geography
	History	MFL	Music	
			Coastal Features Sandcastles questions	
	History Revision Homework	French Revision Homework	PE	

Year 8		WB: 14th October		
Week A	English	Maths	Science	RE
		Weekly Sparx Homework	Weekly Educake & Written Homework 2	RE Homework: Revision grid
	Art	DT	Computing	Geography
	History	MFL	Music	PE
	History Assessment	French Assessment		

Year 8		WB: 21st October		
Week B	English	Maths	Science	RE
		Weekly Sparx Homework	Weekly Educake	RE assessment "Only babies should be baptised" Discuss.
	Art	DT	Computing	Geography
			Assessment 1	Design your own Coastal management
	History	MFL	Music	PE

Half Term: WB 28th October

Year 8		WB: 4th November		
Week A	3 Week Plans begin to prepare pupils for end of term assessments.			
	English	Maths	Science	RE
	English: Relevant Reading homework	Weekly Sparx Homework	Weekly Educake	
	Art	DT	Computing	Geography
				Revision homework
	History	MFL	Music	PE

Year 8		WB: 11th November		
Week B	English	Maths	Science	RE
		Weekly Sparx Homework	Weekly Educake	RE Homework - Isaiah
	Art	DT	Computing	Geography
	Illustration Art homework week. Jon Burgerman bag design			
	History	MFL	Music	PE

Year 8		WB: 18th November		
Week A	English	Maths	Science	RE
	POP Task Assessment Homework	Weekly Sparx Homework	Weekly Educake & Written Homework 3	
	Art	DT	Computing	Geography
				Population - Defining key terms
	History	MFL	Music	PE

Year 8		WB: 25th November		
Week B	English	Maths	Science	RE
	English: Revision Mat	Weekly Sparx Homework	Weekly Educake	RE Homework - Priest, Prophet, King + revision
	Art	DT	Computing	Geography
			Input and output devices	Geography - KS3 Assessment week
	History	MFL	Music	PE

Year 8		WB: 2nd December	
Week A	Assessment Week		
	English	Maths	Science
	Y7 English Assessment this week	Maths Assessments This Week	Science Assessments This Week
	RE assessment Explain why prophecy is important		
	Art	DT	Computing
History	MFL	Music	
History Assessment			

Year 8		WB: 9th December	
Week B	English	Maths	Science
		Weekly Sparx Homework	Weekly Educake & Written Homework 4
	Art	DT	Computing
			Computing Assessment 2
	History	MFL	Music
	Assessment		

Year 8		WB: 16th December	
Week A	End of Term Reports Sent Out This Week		
	English	Maths	Science
		Weekly Sparx Homework	Weekly Educake
	Art	DT	Computing
	History	MFL	Music

Christmas: WB 23rd December