

23 September 2024

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

Year 9 Homework & Assessment Calendar

Year 9		WB: 2nd September	
Week A	English	Maths	Science
	Relevant Reading Homework	Weekly Sparx Homework	Weekly Educake
	Art	DT	Computing
	History	MFL	Music
	Meanwhile Elsewhere Reading		
			RE
			Geography
			Baseline Assessment Week
			PE

Year 9		WB: 9th September	
Week B	English	Maths	Science
		Weekly Sparx Homework	Weekly Educake
	Art	DT	Computing
	History	MFL	Music
			RE
			RE Homework Explain Christian views on bullying
			Geography
			Ecosystems Vocappulary
			PE

Year 9		WB: 16th September	
Week A	English	Maths	Science
	POP Task Assessment Homework	Weekly Sparx Homework	Weekly Educake
	Art	DT	Computing
	History	MFL	Music
			RE
			Geography
			PE
		French La Francophonie OR Spanish The Hispanic World	Homework 1.1 - Theory Worksheet 1

Year 9		WB: 23rd September	
Week B	English	Maths	Science
		Weekly Sparx Homework	Weekly Educake
	Art	DT	Computing
	History	MFL	Music
			RE
			RE Homework : Explain why Catholics believe in Just war.
			Geography
			Design a Tropical Rainforest Plant
			PE
	History - Source Analysis HW		Homework 1.1 "Here Come the Sun" by the Beatles

Year 9		WB: 30th September	
Week A	Yr 7 Billingham Library visits continue, Yr7 Welcome Evening with the Form Tutors 1st October		
	English	Maths	Science
	Revision Mat	Weekly Sparx Homework	Weekly Educake & Written Homework 1
	Art	DT	Computing
			RE
			Geography
			Count-controlled loops in programming
			PE
			PoP Task Assessment

Year 9		WB: 7th October		
Week B	English	Maths	Science	RE
	English Assessments This Week	Weekly Sparx Homework	Weekly Educake	
	Art	DT	Computing	Geography
	YR9: Art: Pop Art homework week - Roy Lichenstein			
	History	MFL	Music	PE
	History Revision Homework	French Revision Homework		

Year 9		WB: 14th October		
Week A	English	Maths	Science	RE
		Weekly Sparx Homework	Weekly Educake & Written Homework 2	Revision Grid
	Art	DT	Computing	Geography
				Revision Homework
	History	MFL	Music	PE
	History Assessment	French Assessment		

Year 9		WB: 21st October		
Week B	English	Maths	Science	RE
		Weekly Sparx Homework	Weekly Educake	RE assessment Can conflict ever be justified?
	Art	DT	Computing	Geography
			Assessment 1	
	History	MFL	Music	PE

Half Term: WB 28th October

Year 9		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
				Geography in the news - Deforestation
History	MFL	Music	PE	
	Meanwhile Elsewhere Reading			

Year 9		WB: 11th November		
Week B	English	Maths	Science	RE
		Weekly Sparx Homework	Weekly Educake	RE Homework - Sex before Marriage
	Art	DT	Computing	Geography
			Game Development: Characters and sprites	
	History	MFL	Music	PE
		French PoP Task Assessment		

Year 9		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
				Design an animal to live in a cold environment
	History	MFL	Music	PE
	History - Source Analysis HW		Homework 1.2 - Theory Worksheet 2	

Year 9		WB: 25th November		
Week B	English	Maths	Science	RE
	English: Revision Mat	Weekly Sparx Homework	Weekly Educake	RE Homework -Marriage + revision
	Art	DT	Computing	Geography
				Geography - KS3 Assessment week
	History	MFL	Music	PE
	French PoP Task Assessment			

Year 9		WB: 2nd December		
Week A	Assessment Week			
	English	Maths	Science	RE
	Y7 English Assessment this week	Maths Assessments This Week	Science Assessments This Week	RE assessment is marriage out of date?
	Art	DT	Computing	Geography
	History	MFL	Music	PE
	History Assessment			

Year 9		WB: 9th December		
Week B	English	Maths	Science	RE
		Weekly Sparx Homework	Weekly Educake & Written Homework 4	
	Art	DT	Computing	Geography
	Art: Pop Art homework week - Roy Lichenstein shoe design		Assessment 2	
	History	MFL	Music	PE
	Assessment			

Year 9		WB: 16th December		
Week A	End of Term Reports Sent Out This Week			
	English	Maths	Science	RE
		Weekly Sparx Homework	Weekly Educake	
	Art	DT	Computing	Geography
	History	MFL	Music	PE

Christmas: WB 23rd December