



# St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School

*Prepare the way of the Lord*

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Dear Parent or Carer

## Homework/Home Learning

This week, in assembly, your child has been spoken to about the importance of homework and home learning at St Edmund Arrowsmith High School.

We feel that homework, and home learning, are a continuation and consolidation of work done in class, and that they contribute significantly to overall attainment and progress. Teachers plan such activities to consolidate, or extend, classroom practice in order to ensure knowledge acquisition and understanding.

Moreover, independent study gives pupils practice in organising their own learning and work schedule, and the opportunities to meet a variety of simultaneous deadlines. Colleges and employers value these skills in time management a great deal, and we believe it is our duty to prepare pupils for life after St Edmund Arrowsmith High School in this way.

Wherever possible, homework will appear on the portal, with details of the task and due date. In addition, pupils are expected to write the task in note form in their journals. These tasks may take many forms; writing an essay; compiling a report; carrying out some research; preparing a talk; bringing in resources etc. On average, homework is set once a week in core and foundation subjects, and once a fortnight in those subjects which appear less frequently on the time table. However, there will be some variation due to split subjects and part-time staff. Pupils will be given a minimum of three days to complete a homework task.

In addition to homework, pupils will also be expected to complete 'home learning'. This entails ensuring, at the end of each school day, that work has been completed, understood and remembered. This is vital so that work can continue smoothly in subsequent lessons.

In light of all of the above, I would be grateful if you would check and sign your child's journal weekly and log on to the portal regularly.

It is in working together, and promoting the home school partnership, that we can ensure your child reaches their potential while at high school.

Yours faithfully

**V.A. Elson (Mrs.)**  
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