

Homework Guidance for Parents and Students

Saint John Houghton Catholic Voluntary Academy

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Core Principles and Guidance

Homework is set at Saint John Hought CVA to all year groups. This is to help facilitate a successful knowledge-based curriculum Intent, implementation and impact across all subjects; homework will be based on **knowledge** and the **retention of knowledge**. Therefore, all homework all Years 7 to 11 should:

- Be clearly related to the curriculum being taught – **Knowledge driver** or **Exam specification**.
- Be manageable within the time frame given.
- Be challenging but achievable (differentiated where appropriate).
- Build self-confidence and success – remembering more and knowing more.
- Recognise the work and effort of the student.

Homework tasks should only fall into one of these defined categories:

1. Knowledge based tasks – remembering more, knowing more. e.g. Carousel knowledge tasks, short recall tasks, Century Science retrieval practice, Hegarty Maths.
2. Practising skills leading from that knowledge e.g. exam questions in KS4
3. Revision – to support long term retention of knowledge and ultimately exam success – across all years.

The complexity and demand of homework tasks should increase as students’ progress through the curriculum of each subject. Students in Year 7 and Year 8 should focus on tasks that reflect category one and three. Students in Year 9, Year 10 and Year 11 should encompass elements from all three categories, as their curriculum become more complex, their schema develops and the need to introduce more complex skills in lessons increases.

If **no formal homework is set** by a teacher, then there is an automatic expectation that students will read for 30 mins: either fiction or factual reading around the subject. This includes the use of on-line journals and website.

Time Expectations:

Keys stage 3 Students should spend approximately one hour per weekday. All students should expect to receive homework tasks weekly from Core subjects and at least fortnightly from non-core subjects.

Key Stage 4 Students should spend approximately two hours per weekday. All students should expect to receive homework tasks weekly from all subject areas.

Homework online Platforms	
All Homework is set on GO4S – Student and parent APP required. <i>The student diary can be used to support the recording of Homework</i>	
Online Platform	How to access
Sparx Maths	Student first name and last name School name Student Date of birth Password
Century - Science	Student school email address Student own password
Carousel Learning (multiple subjects)	Students first name and last name – access is through the link on GO4S
M.S. Teams	Student school email address Student school password

Kerboodle	Student first initial and surname (all lower case) Password Institution Code = Zat8
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Monitoring of Homework

Subjects would like homework to be part of the Learning process for students and viewed as worthwhile and meaningful. Teachers recognise that sanctions have a very limited impact on students who do not engage with homework and that a cultural shift towards valuing homework needs to take place.

All Subjects	
Action	Outcome
Completed Homework	Record in Mark book on GO4S– visible to Parents on APP
Excellent engagement with Homework is recorded in Attitude to Learning for each student.	All Students entered for Homework Termly prize Draw. After each Data snapshot the students with the most “always completes homework” are entered into a prize draw for each year. There are two winners from each year group - £10 Amazon voucher.
Missed Homework	Recorded in mark book on GO4S – Visible to Parents
Students not engaging with Homework’s	Class teacher to contact home – via email/Phone
Multiple missing Homework’s	Curriculum Leader to contact home – Via email/Phone. Asked to attend afterschool Homework club in KS3 or Period 6 on Thursday’s for KS4 students.
Students persistently not engaging with Homework after parental contact	Liaison with Year Leader - is this a whole school problem?

Accessing GO4 Schools

If parents and students are having problems accessing the GO4S please email schooloffice@sjh.srscmat.co.uk

Alternatively, students can ask their form Tutors for help.