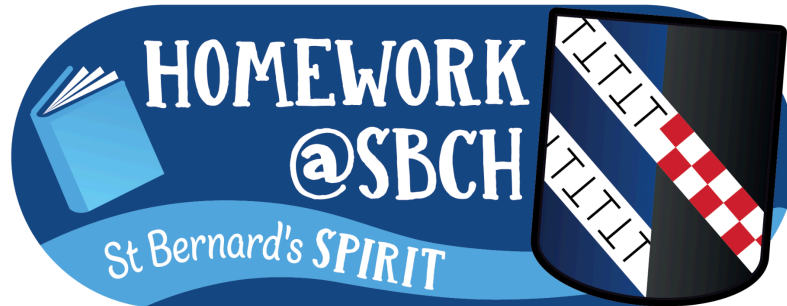


HOMEWORK POLICY 25/26



MISSION STATEMENT

Christ is our teacher.

At St Bernard's we believe that all persons are created by God, unique and equal. We strive to create a caring Christian community in which we provide education based on Gospel values where all people reach their full potential. We aim to develop positive relationships with every individual and family, the parishes and the wider community.

"I have come that they may have life and have it to the full"

John 10:10

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At St Bernard's we firmly believe that learning away from the classroom is an essential skill and requirement in order for all pupils to reach their full potential.

We consider homework to be an important part of the learning process: it allows students to develop the skills, confidence and motivation needed to study independently. The setting of high quality homework tasks allows students to consolidate their in-class learning and address any knowledge gaps they may have. Evidence shows that the impact of homework, on average, is five months' additional progress.

How often will homework be set?

We believe in setting homework that is necessary, relevant, and meaningful and supports progress. As students' progress through the school, they can expect the homework and revision demands to increase, in line with external examinations. By the end of KS4, it is expected that students, as well as completing set homework and revision tasks, will be driving their own learning by reading widely and revising key content and skills.

Depending on the year your child is in they will receive homework as follows:

Years 7 and 8

- 1 homework per week for Read.
- 1 homework 2 to 3 times per half term as a minimum for all other subjects. This is approximately once every two weeks.
- There is no prescribed time limit for homework in Y7 & 8.

Years 9, 10 and 11

- 1 homework per fortnight for English, Maths, Science and RE.
- 1 homework 2 to 3 times per half term as a minimum for all other subjects. This is approximately once every two weeks.
- There is no prescribed time limit for homework in Y9,10 & 11 but as a guide, students should spend at least 20 minutes per task.












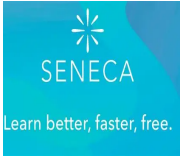

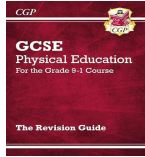






What type of homework will be set?




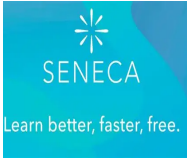



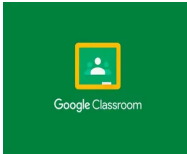





Common homework activities may include completing tasks assigned in lessons, preparing for tasks in future lessons, routine coursework, knowledge and revision for tests and examinations. Staff may set homework using the learning platform 'Google Classroom' and using a variety of media, often including digital formats e.g. Seneca, GCSEpod and Kerboodle.

Where will homework be recorded?

Homework will be recorded on Arbor, giving instructions of how to complete the tasks.

What are the different homework platforms?

Subject	Platform	
	<p>GCSE Pod</p>	
	<p>Mathswatch</p>	
	<p>Classroom 42</p>	
	<p>Google Classroom</p>	
	<p>Google Classroom</p>	
	<p>Seneca CGP books Google classroom</p>	  
	<p>Sketchbooks</p>	
	<p>Google Classroom</p>	
	<p>E-Revision</p>	

	<p>Google Classroom</p>	
	<p>Seneca Kerboodle Google Classroom</p>	  
	<p>Google Classroom</p>	
	<p>Smart Revise</p>	
	<p>Google Classroom Loom</p>	 

For students who do not have access to a computer or the internet at home, the school library is open every day. Here students can access the 'Learning Zone' where pupils can work independently or in groups and use the internet and a range of resources to support them with their homework. This runs from 3.10pm – 3.55pm Monday – Friday and has staff on hand to support students.

Expectations for Completing Homework

Homework is an essential part of learning and therefore when homework is set, pupils will be expected to complete this to the best of their ability and to submit it to their teacher by the 'due in' date. This will be logged on Arbor. SPIRIT points for homework will be awarded for talent and responsibility. For any pupils failing to complete their homework during a half term, the following will be applied:

First missed deadline for homework 1:

↔ C0 - Discussion with the pupil reiterating the importance of homework and put a missed homework logged on Arbor

Second missed deadline for homework 2:

⇒ C3 - The class teacher will discuss the homework concerns with the pupil and put a missed homework log on Arbor. Parents/carers will be notified by a generic email.

For repeated missed homework, class teachers will contact home and discuss the homework concerns with parents/carers.