



ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

3. PARENTS' GUIDE TO HOMEWORK POLICY

The homework we ask pupils to do should provide them with the experience of working by themselves, without immediate access to the teacher or other children. It should consolidate and extend work covered in School and develop the habit of private study thereby encouraging self-discipline. It also provides teachers with the raw material to undertake diagnostic assessments that feed into our monitoring and progress tracking system.

Homework gives parents an insight into their children's learning and facilitates close home-school liaison. We ask our parents to oversee the homework that their children have been given and to check that it corresponds with the homework timetable printed in the journal.

Homework allows children to:

- Practise and reinforce skills covered in class
- Research for information and develop concomitant skills
- Give further opportunity to practise exam-type questions
- Show their strengths, weaknesses and understanding

Homework can be of various types. It might be a reading homework. It might be a revision and study homework. Increasingly, teachers expect pupils to have Internet access so that research can be undertaken.

Typically, homework set in KS3 (Years 7-9) will consist of three to four subjects:

Years 7 & 8:	- 30 to 40 minutes per subject (one to two hours)
Year 9:	- 30-40 minutes per subject (one to two hours)
Year 10 & 11:	- 40-50 minutes per subject (two / two and half hours)

The School operates various homework clubs each evening. Prep is open to all pupils who wish to stay behind to get help to complete homework and access the internet and printer. Pupils can study independently until 7pm and a free evening meal is available at 5.15pm for those that stay and register for evening study. On Fridays prep runs until 4.15pm.