



Homework Policy



Journeying together with Jesus Christ, we learn to love and love to learn.

St Paul's Catholic High School

Homework Policy 2016-17

Homework is considered to be a vital aspect of learning at St Paul's Catholic High. All students receive a homework timetable at the start of each academic year and homework will be given in all subjects in accordance with the timetable. This timetable is also published on the school's web site.

All students at St Paul's Catholic High receive a planner at the start of the academic year. Form tutors check student planners on a weekly basis, parents are asked to check and sign their child's planner, which form tutors will countersign.

Students will be expected to complete two pieces of homework per night on average and sometimes three at the weekend.

The guidelines for time to be spent on homework are as follows

Year 7 and 8	20 minutes per homework (40 minutes per night and 1 hour at the weekend)
Year 9	30 minutes per homework (1 hour per night and 1.5 hours at the weekend)
Years 10 and 11	45 minutes per homework (1.5 hours per night and 2-2.5 hours at the weekend)
Sixth Form	2-3 1hour homework pieces per subject per week This equates to 8-12 hours of study outside of normal lesson time. Students should also undertake a further 5-6 hours of "independent" learning which may involve revision, background reading or research.

The type of homework set varies according to the skills being developed and the nature of the subject. Examples could be problem solving, project work, research, creative writing or skills based work. We consider the home/school partnership to be central to successful homework and parents are encouraged to support their children in providing a suitable place and atmosphere in which to work.

Half termly homework programmes are published for parental and student viewing on the school website.

Students should expect to complete their homework by the deadline given. If they miss this deadline they may be detained to complete the homework under supervision. If several homework deadlines are missed, parents may be contacted and a behaviour point may be recorded on the student's academic record.

Homework should be clearly labelled as "Homework" in the exercise book or file. Students can expect members Senior Leadership Team to scrutinise exercise books as part of the process of School Self Evaluation. This will include checking to see that homework is clearly evident, completed and of a sufficiently high standard.