



SAIL departmental expectations.

Under the St Alban's Independent Learning scheme, teachers use their professional judgement to set work appropriate to maximise the learning of students. Below is a guide of what your child should expect to be set as a minimum in their various subjects. It should not be treated as an exhaustive list.

Subject	Homework guidelines
History	One extended project and two additional pieces of work per term.
Technology	Technology sets work appropriate to the projects that each specialism is running. It may be an extended activity or smaller specific tasks. Within all our SAIL we promote creativity, academic understanding and progress appropriate to the capabilities of the individual.
Maths	One piece of work a fortnight - usually given out on the same day throughout the year. Core activities for everyone with voluntary extension activities.
Art	SAIL will be set at the beginning of each term with three different tasks per project. The tasks are based on either gathering artists' research, varied practical tasks, gathering supporting images or evaluating and reflecting on your independent learning. There will be an extension task giving students the opportunity to continue to develop the learning beyond the classroom.
RE	Three short tasks per half-term based on the half-term topic, or one longer task with permission of teacher. The half-term topic and suggested tasks can be found on the VLE, in the RE classrooms and in pupil SAIL planners.
Geography	Students at KS3 will be expected to complete at least one extended task or two shorter tasks each half term.
MFL	The majority of students will have work set once per week; with some more open ended SAIL tasks where appropriate.
English	Students will be set at least one substantial piece of work every half-term, plus our expectation is that pupils read a minimum of three times a week for 20 minutes, aim to read a quality newspaper once a week and revise spellings from HFW and KS3 lists.
Science	An extended and ongoing piece of work for each half-term. It will be in the form of independent research culminating in one of the following: A scientific poster, a scientific essay, a presentation and a mini independent project. There will be mini deadlines to ensure that the work is progressing as it should the work will be on topics unrelated to those they are studying to encourage a broader interest in science as a whole.
PE	SAIL will be set where appropriate. As a practical subject, this will continue to be on an ad-hoc basis.
ICT/ Computing	Approximately half-termly topic based projects with a student choice of presenting their output (written, creative or media).
Music	For music we will set a large project over one term for each year group (e.g. Year 8 - term 1, Year 9 - term 2 and Year 7 term 3. There will also be a smaller task for each topic we study (one per half-term). These may be written or research tasks, but could also be practising for a performance or completing work on the computers which would need to be done in school.