

# ENVIRONMENT

## HOMEWORK CLUB

Home-learning club is available to KS3 every day after school in IT2, and to all KS4 students in the Library until 5pm.

## LIBRARY

Our Library is open all day, every day. We have a range of books, fiction and non-fiction, aimed at all students.

## HOME LEARNING ENVIROMENT

Create a quiet space for your child to work at home. Remove any technology (phones etc) which will distract them. If you don't have a quiet space to work your child can attend homework club or the library

## STUDENT SUPPORT TEAM

Our student support team are a dedicated group of non teaching staff who work to support students with pastoral needs and also lead on detentions. They work with progress leaders and coaches to manage behaviour, progress and ensure all student's achieve their God-given potential.

# CULTURE

## PARENTS' EVENINGS

Each year group will have one parent's evening per year. The purpose of this evening is to meet subject teachers and get information about how your child is progressing in this subject and how to improve

## UNIFORM

Our uniform policy, including all PE kit expectations, can be found on the school website, along with contact details of our school uniform provider.

 [Info & News > School Uniform](#)

# FRIENDS OF ST MARK'S ACADEMY (FOSMA)

For all parents and carers who are passionate about making a difference in supporting the Academy's continued journey of transformation, we recommend you joining Ms Fahey's parent group, Friends of St Mark's Academy (FOSMA). Here, parents have the opportunity to join us in our strategic planning, share their voice and contribute their skills to all areas of Academy life. We want parents and carers to lead this group, powerfully partnering with us in living out our Academy vision of 'transformation for all'.

Parents and carers that sign up should be ready to commit to:

- 4-6 meetings a year
- supporting the academy at Open Events, school trips or visits
- being positive advocates for the academy
- planning events like the Christmas concert and summer fair
- delivering speeches to prospective parents where necessary
- speaking to inspectors
- supporting our enrichment and careers offer
- reviewing our website and school development plan
- creating a parent handbook for parents and carers that are new to the SMA family
- leading and planning fundraising events.

Meetings take place on Tuesdays between 5:30-6:15pm on the following dates:

- 28 November 2023
- 23 January 2024
- 12 March 2024
- 7 May 2024
- 18 June 2024

For more information please contact, Carol Low Principal's PA on: [clow@stmarks.anthemtrust.uk](mailto:clow@stmarks.anthemtrust.uk).



# PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT

Working in partnership to ensure our children flourish.

# OUR COMMITMENT

Hearing the voices of all stakeholders is fundamental to our vision of 'transformation for all' in order for everyone to live 'life in all its fullness'. It is part of our community's entitlement. We truly believe that them being empowered to speak about their lived experiences is intrinsic and fundamental to their existence as individuals made in God's image. They have a right and responsibility to shape their school environment and the community at large.

In order to empower all parents to effectively engage in their child's journey of transformation, we hope to share some useful resource, in this document, focused on four key areas.



## Knowledge

Support to know how to effectively work in partnership with school to support their child.



## Environment

Create an environment that welcomes and supports parents.



## Culture

Build a trusted and respectful relationship between the school and parents.



## Communication

Share clear information that can be easily accessed - consistently.

# KNOWLEDGE

## CURRICULUM

Curriculum information can be found on our website, here you can see what your child is learning, throughout the year. Your child is supported through Knowledge Organisers which highlight the most powerful knowledge for each unit that they learn.

🔗 [School Life > Curriculum](#)

## STUDENT REPORTS

Each student will receive a minimum two academic reports per year and one of these will be followed by a parents evening.

## CLASS CHARTS

Attendance, behaviour and homework information can be viewed on this system.

🔗 [Info & News > Frequently Asked Questions](#)

## REVISION SKILLS

Lots of helpful revision strategies can be found on our website.

🔗 [School Life > Exams & Revision](#)

## ENRICHMENT

Lunchtime and after school enrichment clubs run from 6th November. Send all enquiries to [Enrichment@stmarks.anthemtrust.uk](mailto:Enrichment@stmarks.anthemtrust.uk).

🔗 [School Life > Clubs & Enrichment](#)

## LITERACY (READING, WRITING, ORACY)

We would like your support with helping students to engage with Bedrock, reading through Accelerated Reader or MyOn and revising for assessments.

🔗 [Info & News > Frequently Asked Questions](#)

## NUMERACY

Weekly maths home learning is set on Sparx Maths.

🔗 <https://sparxmaths.com>

# COMMUNICATION

## WEBSITE

Important dates, copies of letters sent home, FAQs, information about what your child will learn, contact details.

🔗 [stmarks.anthemtrust.uk](https://stmarks.anthemtrust.uk)

## KEY CONTACTS

Contact details of those you may wish to get in touch with can be found on the 'Contact Us' page of our website.

🔗 [About Us > Contact Us](#)

## EDUCAKE

Educake is the homework platform for History, Geography and Science. Students can take quizzes and get instant feedback.

## EMAIL

We will share copies of letters home and important updates with you via email. For general school enquiries email: [school@stmarks.anthemtrust.uk](mailto:school@stmarks.anthemtrust.uk)

## TELEPHONE

When a direct conversation with a member of staff is required, a telephone conversation is usually best.

## TEXT MESSAGES

For urgent information, and to keep you generally informed, we send text messages.

## TWITTER / X

To share what students are learning and celebrate our community we post new to Twitter / X.

Follow us @stmarks\_academy

## MY ON

All students have free access to this online library of books.

🔗 <https://global-zone61.renaissance-go.com/welcomeportal/1977128>

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