



Key Stage 4

Learning and Assessment



Information for pupils

September 2026



Learning Cycle

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KS4 Learning and Assessment Plan



St. Mary's High School

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Syllabus

At the KS4 Induction Seminar (Aug Year 11) I received information about the topics in each of my subjects, examinations and the controlled assessments I will be completing.

The subject syllabus informs me about each subject, what I need to learn and how I will be assessed and when.

My Personalised Targets

In each of my subjects I have a Personalised Target Grade. This target is based on my results in a range of assessments at the end of Key Stage 3. Each of my 3 Standardised Assessments are compared to this target and recorded as:

Above	On	Below
+	O	-

Dates for Assessments

(week beginning)

1. 5th Oct 2026
2. 7th Dec 2026 (Christmas tests)
3. 6th Apr 2027

Assessments

Summative Assessments

- In Years 11 & 12 I will complete three Standardised Assessments in each subject.
- I will complete module exams throughout Year 11 and Year 12.
- Some subjects may only have final Year 12 exams.
- Controlled Assessments may be sat in some of my subjects.

Formative Assessments

These include all continuous assessments E.g. class tests, projects peer and self-assessments.

Recording & Monitoring My Progress

Recording my results:

- In my Homework Diary
- On my reflection plan
- On computer tracking system by class teacher

My result in each of the 3 Standardised Assessments is compared against my Personalised Target % and monitored by my Class Teacher, Form Teacher, Year Head and Senior Leadership.

Any student who underachieves in assessments may be supported through progress report.

Syllabus: - This outlines the knowledge I need to learn and skills to develop in each subject. It also informs me how I will be assessed in each subject.

Module Exams - the results of all GCSE module exams come together to create my final grade.

Controlled Assessments - internal assessments undertaken in school under exam conditions. The results contribute to my final GCSE grade.

Repeats - in Year 12, I may be able to repeat some of my Year 11 modules to gain a better overall result. Students pay for all repeats.

Reports to Parents

Christmas Report

December 2026

Assessment 2 (Comments and marks)

Year 12 Interim Report

March 2027 (Marks and grades only)

PTM – all assessments

- Year 11 – 21st Jan 2027 (in school)

- Year 12 – 22nd Oct 2026 (in school)

Reflection Plans

At the end of each standardised assessment my teacher gives me feedback on what I did well and also what I need to do to improve. I also reflect on my own result compared to my target grade and address the areas of improvement



Assessment Methods and AfL

- **Formative Assessment** (Class Tests, Observations, Presentations, Research, Homework, Practical Projects)
- **Summative Assessment** (GCSE/GCE exams, Christmas and Summer Tests, End of Topic Tests, 3 Standardised Tests)
- **Self and Peer Assessment**
- **Effective Questioning**
- **Homework** (Written, Learning, Research, Practical)
- **Marking for Improvement, Feedback and Reflection** (Assessment Cover Sheet)



Key Stage 4 Tracking Progress

- Based on your **KS3 Assessments** (Using Maths and Communication Levels, Assessments throughout the year, PTM and PTE Results), you will be given a **Personalised Target Grade** for each subject
- Your teacher will share your **Personalised Target Grade** with you for each subject
- You will record your Target Grade for each subject in your **diary**
- Your 3 Standardised Test results will be put on **SIMS** and **benchmarked** against your Target Grade
- You will record your **3 results** in your diary and record whether you are **Above, On or Below Target**
- At the end of the **Standardised Assessments**, you will complete your Cover Sheet by reflecting on how you performed in your assessment. Your teacher will give you feedback on your achievements and what you may need to improve on.



Assessment Dates

(week beginning)

- 1 — 5th October 2026
- 2 — 7th December 2026 (Christmas exams)
- 3 — 6th April 2027
- 4 — May & June 2027
(GCSE Modules & school summer exams)



Recording, Reporting and Monitoring

- **Standardised Assessments** – Record in own Diary
- **Christmas Report** – Target Grade, Result (Assessment 2), and Comments
- **Summer Report** – Target Grade, Result (Module/Assessment 4)
- **Parent Teacher Meeting**
 - Year 11 – 21st January 2027
 - Year 12 – 22nd October 2026
- Your progress will be **monitored** by your Class Teacher, Form Teacher, Year Tutor, SLT
- If you are underachieving in a number of subjects you may be put on Progress Report or the Mentoring Programme



Pupil Diary – Recording Results



Personalised Performance Record

Key Stage 4

+ = Above Target

O = On Target

– = Below Target

Subject	Target Grade	A1	+ O –	A2	+ O –	A3	+ O –
Art & Design							
Bus. Studies							
BCS/OS Bus							
Child Development							
Drama							
English							
French/Irish							
Further Maths							
Geography							
HSC/OS HSC							
History							
H Econs							
IT							
LLW/PAL							
Maths							
PE							
Music							
RE							
Science							
Technology & Design							

Parent/Guardian's Signature	Assessment 1	Assessment 2	Assessment 3
	Date _____	Date _____	Date _____