

Religious Studies homework and feedback policy 2023 onwards.

Homework tasks and feedback:

In years 7 and 8, students will be set 3 tasks across each topic (usually every term) that link together, from the topic we are studying that term.

In KS4 (years 9-11), the 3 tasks below will be set from each of the units of study for the GCSE.

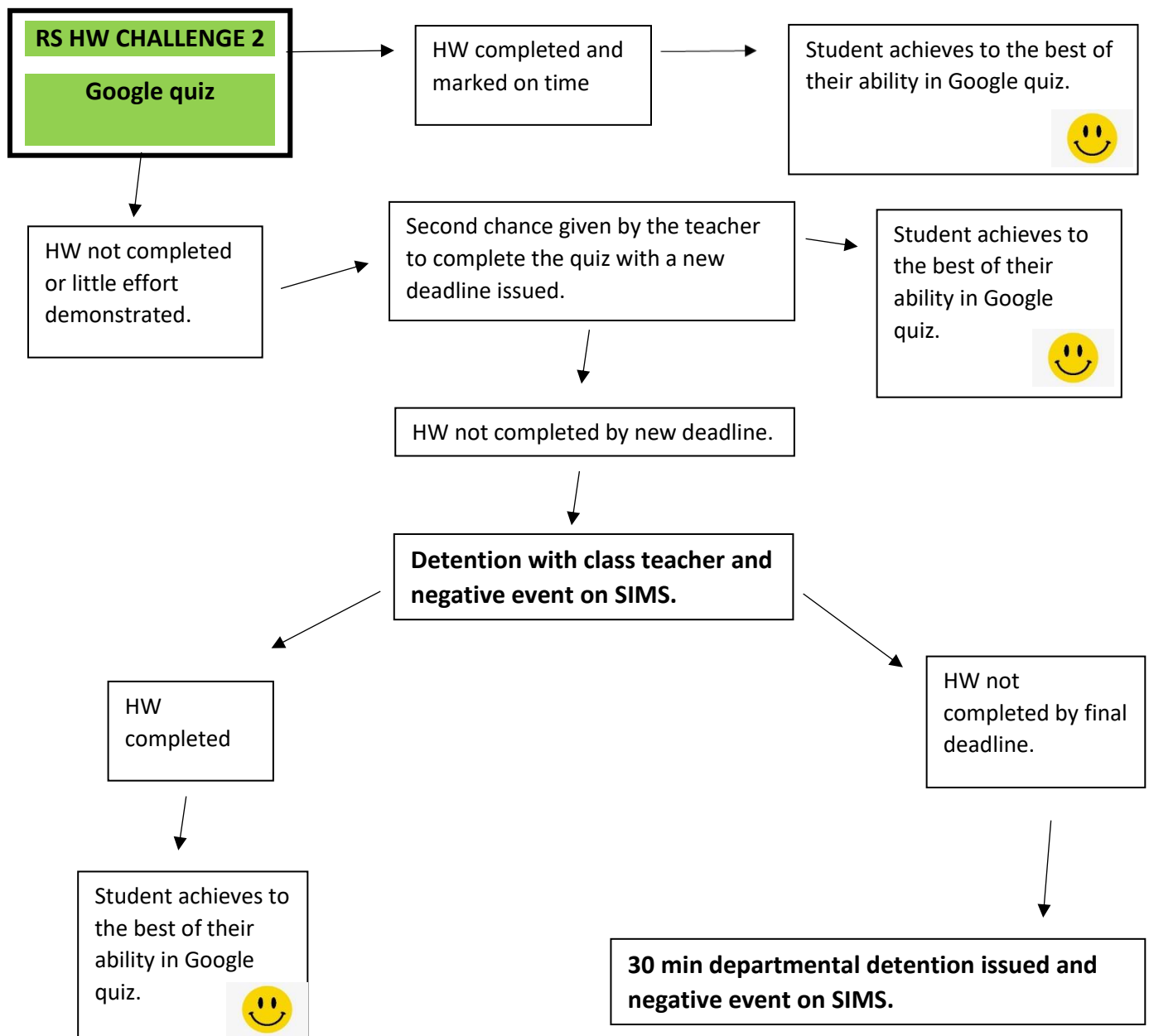
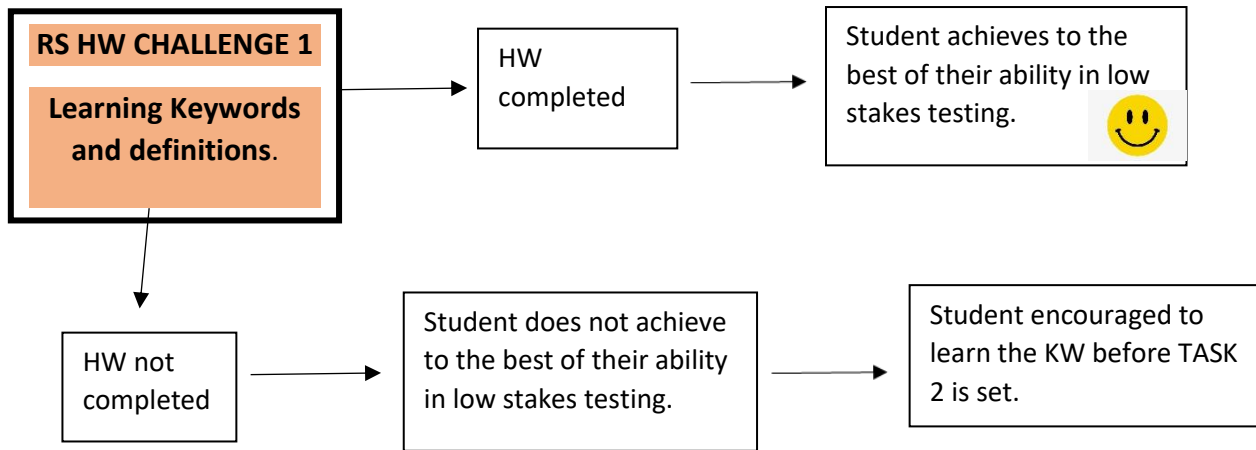
All homework tasks will be recorded on SIMS.

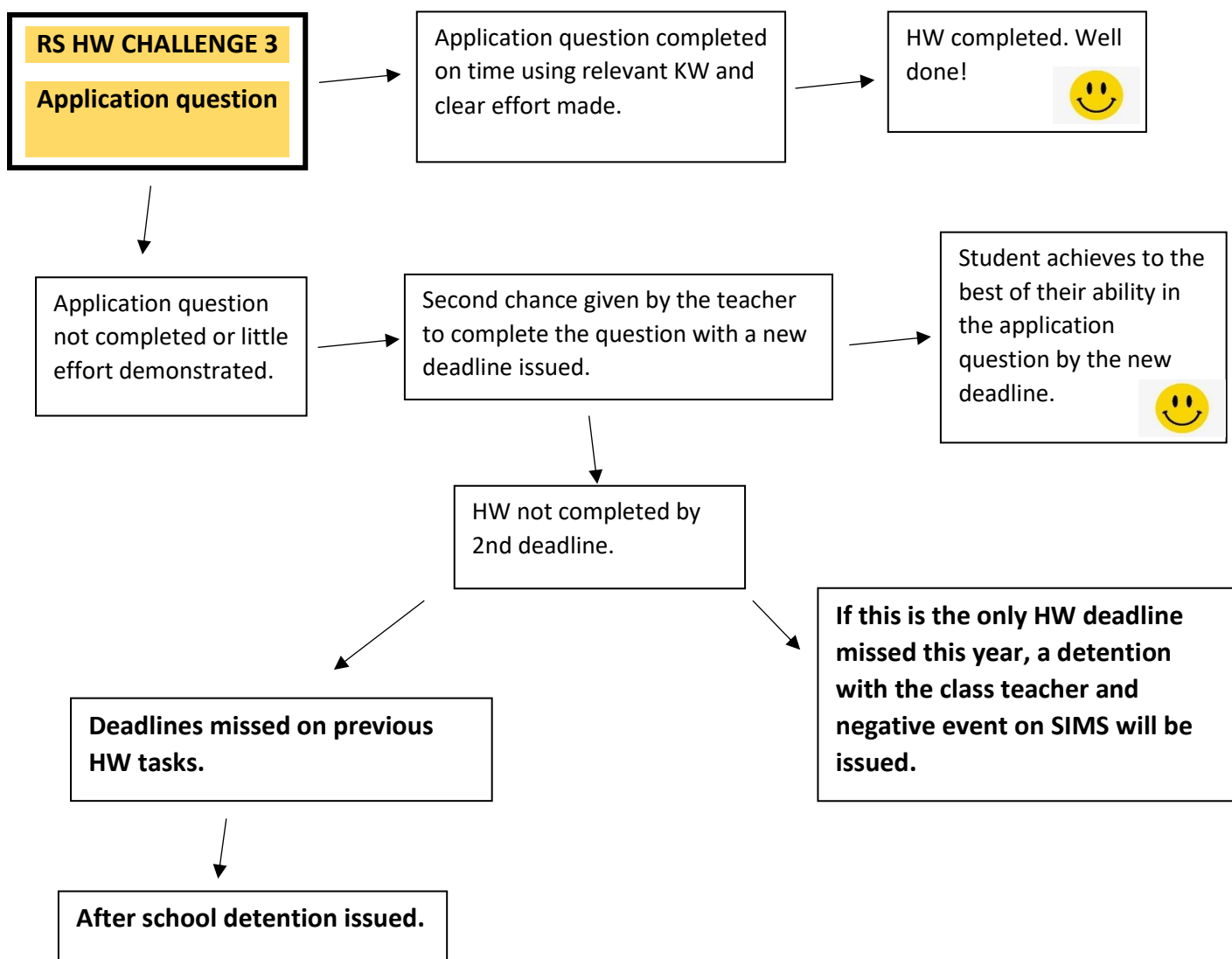
Homework tasks (challenges)	Feedback
Task 1 will be to learn keywords and their meanings given for the topic being taught that term. Strategies to help with this learning will be given in lessons, but will include writing definitions in their own words; look, cover, write and check etc.	This will be tested with low stakes quizzing in lessons.
Task 2 will be a Google form short answer quiz based around the keywords learnt in task 1. Whilst some questions will be simple multiple choice, others will give the student the chance to demonstrate they have understood, and can use the keywords, in a correct context.	Google form quizzes are self-marking. These marks will be recorded by the class teacher. The mark-scheme on Google will show what the correct answer should have been and students will be encouraged to seek help in lessons if there were any questions that they got wrong because they did not understand them.
Task 3 will give students the chance to use some of the keywords they have learnt in the previous 2 HW tasks in a longer answer question. This will demonstrate their ability to make connections between the concepts they have learnt, and to apply what they know (and understand) to a longer answer question. Modelling will be used in lessons to support students with these questions, and scaffolding will be provided for students who need it.	These tasks will be reviewed by the class teacher (usually a sample will be looked at) and whole class feedback based on common errors or misconceptions will be given and discussed in lessons, as well as time being given to review the things that students have done well. Credits will be used to reward students who have achieved well across the second 2 HW tasks.

What happens if homework is not completed on time and to the expected standard?

Students are expected and encouraged to ask their teacher for help with HW tasks if they need it. For this reason, a lack of understanding will not be an acceptable reason for not completing the HW tasks.

Please see the flow diagram below for the sanctions that will be issued when HW is not completed on time or effectively.





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HW task 1 is monitored via low stakes testing. If it appears a student has not learnt the required keywords, they will be encouraged by their teacher to do so, before the Google form task has to be completed.

HW task 2 – if the Google form is not completed on time, or in such a way that demonstrates the student has made an effort with their learning, a student will have another chance to complete the task at home, before the third HW task is due. Failure to do so will result in a detention with their teacher, and a negative event for HW being recorded on SIMS. If the second HW task is not completed before the application question (task 3), the student will receive a departmental detention with the Head of RS.

HW task 3 – if the application task is not completed on time and to the expected standard, students will be given a second chance to complete it. If it is still not done, and this is the first HW deadline they have missed, they will be given a detention with their class teacher. If a student has already missed deadlines, they will be placed in after school detention.