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Re: Sparx Maths learning platform

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are excited to inform you that your child will be using Sparx Maths learning platform to complete their Maths homework. Sparx provides a highly personalised weekly homework to students, tailored to their attainment level and working speed.

Maths homework is set weekly as per the schedule below:

Year 7 - Tuesday

Year 8 - Friday

Year 9 - Tuesday

What is Sparx Maths Homework?

- Sparx provides personalized homework to each child, with questions that are challenging yet achievable, and tailored to their learning needs.
- The majority of each week's homework will be based on recently learnt topics, but it will also include some questions from previous topics to help reinforce their learning.
- Students access their homework on their online Sparx account, where they'll get immediate feedback for each question about whether their answer was correct or they need to have another try.
- While homework is accessed online, it is predominantly written homework and students should record their work on paper. Sparx has a "bookwork checks" system to help students form this habit.
- Every question in Sparx has a support video attached so that your child can get help independently.

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How can you help your child with their homework?

- Provide a quiet space for your child to focus on their homework each week.
- Encourage them to start their homework early so they can get help from their teacher before the deadline if they get stuck. To ensure no gaps form in your child's maths knowledge, homework is not marked as complete until all of the compulsory questions have been answered correctly.
- Check the weekly email you'll get from Sparx and praise your child for starting or completing their homework. Encourage them to finish it before the deadline if they haven't already done so.
- Try not to help your child with a question until they've had a go first. It is essential they try to complete their homework independently so that Sparx can give them questions that are at the right level for them. Remember they can watch the support videos if they need to.

We hope you agree that Sparx will play an exciting and important role in growing your child's understanding, success and confidence in maths.

All classes will visit IT suites during a Maths lesson over the next 2 weeks to ensure they are able to log in and navigate the website. If you have any questions, please contact your child's maths teacher via reception.

Yours sincerely

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Head of Maths