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Dear Parent/Carer

We are writing to provide further information about our homework policy following the introduction of Sparx Maths.

Sparx provides a highly personalised weekly homework to students, tailored to their attainment level and working speed. Over time, Sparx adjusts to a student's personal level based on their prior attainment. 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 using their school login, videos are available for each question to support students at home and the system will log with a student's class teacher where further support is needed on a question (students will know this has happened by a purple 'flag' appearing on the screen).

Students are set one hour of Sparx homework per week, this is because research suggests that completing Sparx for 1 hour a week significantly improves grades long term.

To clarify our sanctioning policy, where students have not attempted either 100% of the homework or spent approximately an hour on the homework (whichever comes first), we will follow the school homework policy (H1/H2/H3). This will be up to the class teacher's discretion, using their knowledge of the capabilities of each individual student.

In addition to the support offered on the Sparx platform, we also offer homework help after school on a Monday & a Thursday in B3 for all year groups. This is run by Miss Hawking & Mrs Rhodes and there is no need to pre-organise attending. The sessions run for an hour, but students may leave when they have received the help they require.

For further support please contact your child's class teacher or watch the Sparx help video: <https://support.sparx.co.uk/v1/docs/en/sparx-math-homework-for-parents>

Yours sincerely



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