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Dear Parent/Carer

We would like to remind/introduce students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 that they will be completing their mathematics homework with Sparx Maths. Sparx is an exciting online platform that offers every student a personalised maths homework.

To support your child's progress in maths, we've put together this letter to explain how Sparx works and why it is important to make sure that maths homework is 100% complete.

How does Sparx homework work?

Sparx personalises each child's homework, creating a weekly set of questions tailored to their level of understanding and learning pace. **The questions are designed to be achievable whilst offering the stretch that learners need to make progress.** If you suspect your child is using AI to complete the answers for them, they will learn nothing and, as the questions get harder, they will fall behind.

Each week, topics are set by your child's maths teacher and will make up the majority of the homework questions. Questions from previous topics will also be included in the homework so that students can keep practising the skills they have learned.

How can I help my child with their homework?

We appreciate that you may want to support your child with their home learning, but please try not to help them with a question until they've had a go first! It is really important that they complete their homework independently, and that questions are marked. They can watch the support video if they need to. This way, Sparx makes sure your child has homework that's at the right level for them.

Why does my child need to achieve 100% compulsory homework completion?

Sparx Homework is deliberately designed to help students really get to grips with and understand the concepts and skills they are learning by ensuring they cover the essential building blocks needed to make progress in maths. Sparx' research (sparx.co.uk/evidence) has shown that an average of 60 minutes a week of this type of personalised maths home learning leads to clear progress. It is therefore advised that students do their homework **as early as possible**, so they have the time to have a go themselves and seek help from their teacher if needed. Homework is not marked as complete until **all** of the compulsory questions have been answered correctly.

You can keep track of your child's homework completion in the weekly email you will receive from Sparx. **If you would rather not receive this email, please complete and return the form overleaf.** Alternatively, there is an option to unsubscribe from the emails, after receiving the first one.

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

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Yours sincerely

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Student Name.....

Form

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