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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Sparx Maths

Following a successful trial over the last half term we have decided to **move all of your child's Maths homework** onto our new online platform, Sparx Maths.

The move to Sparx has had two significant effects:

- Firstly, the vast majority of students report that it is both easier to use and more effective in driving their overall learning.
- Secondly, whilst the most confident students have been able to extend themselves at their own pace, other students who previously might not have been as confident, or may not have put as much effort into their maths homework, are obviously trying harder and having more success.
- Thirdly, we have received a number of emails from parents in support of Sparx.

[You may like to view this short video which explains in more detail how Sparx works:](#)

You may well be used to receiving weekly progress emails from Sparx and these will continue. We would ask you, where possible, to encourage your child to attempt the homework early on in the week to give them sufficient time to seek help from their teacher for those questions they are unable to answer correctly. They may find that they are not able to complete a question and in that case they must seek help from their teacher in the first instance. A Sparx homework club on Wednesday afternoons is run after school to support students further. Those brief moments when students seek help to overcome difficulties are some of the most powerful learning opportunities they get.

Producing written answers correctly marked is a central part of how the system works and, this week, we are issuing students with a dedicated Sparx homework book to work in rather than the back of their self-quizzing books. Please encourage them to keep this to 'presentation quality' as their teachers will on occasion want to check them. For an example, please refer to the leaflet produced by Sparx themselves which is attached at the end of this letter.



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We appreciate that you will of course 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 as correct. They can watch the support video if they need to. This way, Sparx can make sure your child continues to see homework that's at the right level for them.

Thank you for your continued support and of course do feel free to contact your child's maths teacher or myself directly if you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely,

Mr N Stoddart

Teacher of Maths