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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Year 8 and Year 9 Homework and Homework Support

I would like to remind parents and carers of the homework expectations for this academic year, while highlighting available sources of support for your child.

Students will follow the weekly homework grid shown below for each unit.

	Monday	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
Self-quizzing and Effective Revision	Maths	English	Science	History - Week A Geography - Week B	Spanish
Online homework	Sparx Science: Set every Monday and due by 9:00 pm on Sunday Sparx Maths: Set every Monday and due by 9:00 pm on Sunday Sparx Reader: Set at 3:00 pm on a Tuesday and due 3:00 pm on the following Tuesday				

Self-Quizzing - Week A

Students should complete a page of self-quizzing using the Look, Cover, Write, Check method and self correct in green pen. This will be checked by your child's tutor the next morning.

Effective Revision - Week B

Students have the choice to replace self-quizzing with effective revision. If students choose effective revision, they will need to keep a daily revision log in their self-quizzing exercise books with evidence of techniques used to show their tutors. Further information on different techniques can be found in their self-quizzing folders. This will be checked by your child's tutor the next morning.

Sparx Science

Students are expected to achieve 100% correct answers or, if this is not possible, to show that they have spent at least 30 minutes on the tasks.

Sparx Maths

Students are expected to complete 100% correct answers. All supporting work must be shown in their Sparx maths notebooks, to a normal standard of presentation, which will be checked in class in the first lesson of the week.

Sparx Reader

Students will be required to achieve a minimum of 400 Sparx Reader Points (SRPs) per week. A small number of students who take part in the Lexia program may be asked to complete Lexia instead.

To use Sparx, students need to be logged into their Magna Academy Google account. They should then use the 'Log in to Sparx using Google' button. Please note this will not work if they try to access Sparx from a personal Google account. If students forget their Google account password, they can get it reset at school but this will then take 24 hours to sync with Sparx.

We appreciate that you will want to support your child with their online learning, but please try not to help them with a question until they have had a go first. It is really important that they complete their online homework independently, and that questions are marked as correct. This will allow the online algorithm to ensure that your child is set tasks which specifically address gaps in their knowledge.

We ask you, where possible, to encourage your child to attempt their online homework early on in the week to give them sufficient time to get help from their teacher. They may find that they are not able to complete a question and in that case they must seek their teacher's help in the first instance. Similarly, if they are finding their book on Sparx Reader too easy or too difficult, they should speak to their teacher.

If your child requires further support there are homework clubs available throughout the week.

Sparx Science Homework Club	Tuesdays 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm in the Science Department
Sparx Maths Homework Club	Wednesdays 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm in the Maths Department
Sparx Reader Homework Club	Thursdays 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm in the English Department
General Homework Club	Every weekday 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm in G34

Students who go above and beyond to produce excellent homework will be rewarded in line with our Recognition, Rewards and Competition Strategy. However, if students do not complete self-quizzing, this will result in a 60-minute detention.

If a student does not complete their Sparx homework, they will be asked to attend a subject-specific Sparx support session. No negative points are associated with this on Arbor. During this session, subject teachers will be available to help your child complete the work. If the work is completed before the session, or during the session, your child is free to leave but must speak to the relevant staff member and have the support session marked as complete on Arbor first. If students do not attend this support session, this will result in a 60 minute detention.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



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