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Dear Parent/Carer,

Homework for KS3 (Years 7, 8 & 9)

From Monday 16th September, your child will be set weekly homework in Maths and Science.

From Monday 23rd September, your child will be set weekly English homework on Sparx Reader. This will allow your child to complete a Sparx Reader assessment in lesson time to set their account up correctly. This will ensure the success of all students with their English homework at KS3.

Sparx Maths, Sparx Reader and Carousel Learning will be the online platforms we will use to support learning at KS3. By using online platforms, the tasks set will be purposeful and will ensure students receive regular retrieval practice and support learner progress by adapting and personalising tasks to ensure the work set is accessible for all learners. This approach to homework will ensure consistency between subjects enabling staff to identify and address any gaps in understanding or misconceptions.

Your child should expect to spend approximately 20 - 30 minutes completing homework per subject per week.

To support students in Year 7, 8 & 9 manage their time and be successful, homework will be set on the following days:

	Maths	English	Science
Day Homework Set	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Homework Completion	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Homework Clinics – Lunchtime & Afterschool until 16:00	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Centralised Homework Detention	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

Students have a 7-day completion window for each homework task and will have access to optional lunchtime and afterschool homework clinics which they can use to help them complete their homework. Lunchtime clinics will be held in DT6 for Year 7 and the School Library for Years 8 & 9. After school homework clinics

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will be held in the School Library. Homework completion windows will be extended to account for half term, Christmas and Easter holidays.

All Students are expected to achieve 100% completion in all of their homework tasks. If a student does not complete their homework or submit their homework on time, they will be issued with a homework detention which will be set on the days shown above. Homework detentions will last for 45 minutes.

To ensure that all students can login and access all of the online platforms to ensure students start the year successfully, homework detentions will not start until the week beginning 30th September in Maths and Science and from the 7th October in English. If there are issues with homework completion and/or submission during this period, your child's subject teacher will contact you and your child will be supported to overcome any barriers that are preventing 100% completion of their homework.

We are aware that some students may experience some issues logging into the various platforms. If your child is experiencing issues, please contact their subject teacher directly so that they are aware and can support to rectify the issues in school.

How you can help your child

- Ask your child about their homework tasks. Check they understand what they need to do. If they seem unsure, encourage them to speak with their teacher **before** the day homework is due.
- Use the following guides to the online platforms being used to understand the tasks your child is being set and support them in accessing the platform.

Sparx Maths - <https://support.sparx.co.uk/docs/sparx-math-homework-for-parents>

Sparx Reader – click [here](#) to access a quick parent/carer guide

Carousel Learning (Science) - <https://www.carousel-learning.com/>

- Remind and check that your child has completed their homework tasks and have submitted their homework on time.

If you have any questions regarding your child's homework, please contact your child's Maths, English or Science teacher in the first instance.

May I take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your ongoing support of your child and their KS3 studies.

Yours sincerely

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