

Dear Parents and Guardians,

17th September 2026

As we start the new school year, the maths and science departments will continue using Sparx for most of our homework.

All homework will be set on a Monday and due by the end of the following Monday. The first homework has been set on September 14th and will be due on the September 21st.

In Maths:

- Years 7 – 10 homework will also be set using Sparx.
- Year 11 maths homework will be set using Dr Foster alongside a printed booklet to show their workings out.

In Science:

- All homework, for years 7-11, will be set using Sparx.

More details around English homework will be communicated soon.

Why Homework Matters

Research shows that doing homework helps students make more progress. That is why we want students to get into the habit of doing homework regularly.

Logging In · All Sparx learning can be accessed digitally through this link

- Students use their Microsoft login (the same one they use for school laptops). Should pupils have difficulty with their login, then their passwords can be reset by their tutors.
- Year 7 students will get their login details from their tutors or computing teachers.
- For Year 11 Dr Frost maths homework, it is the pupil's normal school email with the following password: password (all lowercase) They will get an invalid password notice and should click the 'having trouble logging in' button. Pupils should scroll down to the bottom of this page, and it gives them the opportunity to create a new password unique to them.
- If there are problems logging in, students should speak to their maths or science teacher before the homework is due.

Homework Details

- Homework is set every week on Arbor and is due the following week (even over half terms).
- Students must finish 100% of their homework to make sure they understand everything.
- For Dr Frost maths, pupils are required to complete the paper exam booklet and bring this in on Mondays to show the teacher that they have completed the workings and upload the answers to Dr Frost which will mark it for them. If they get it wrong, they should watch the videos available either on Dr Frost, Corbett Maths or Maths Genie to support them with a second attempt.
- If students find a question hard, Sparx has a help button. If they still need help, they should ask their teacher before the deadline.
- There is a homework club on Tuesdays and Thursdays 15:00-16:00 in room 217 if students need staff to support them with homework.

Sanctions and Rewards

If homework is not finished to 100%, students will be booked into a homework catch up session on Thursdays at 15:00 in room 217. This will give them an opportunity to do the homework with their science and maths teachers.

Students who complete all their homework will be eligible for the first wave of invites for our school rewards trips. Last year these included ice skating, cinema trips, Marwell zoo, Thorpe Park and Chessington World of Adventures.

Thank you for helping your child with their homework. We look forward to working together to help them succeed.

Best wishes,

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