

22 September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we start the new school year, the English, Maths and Science departments will continue using Sparx for homework. Here's how homework will work and how we'll support students:

In Maths:

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

In Science:

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

In English:

- All homework, for years 7-11, will be set using Sparx.
- In addition, Year 11 are issued with an English homework booklet which should be a priority.

Homework will begin the week beginning the 22nd September. We will not be setting sanctions for the first week as students need to ensure they can login and access Sparx.

Why Homework Matters

Research shows that doing homework helps students make more rapid progress and helps to improve their final GCSE grade. That's 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, please use the 'Forgotten Password' link and create a new one in the first instance.
- Year 7 students will get their login details from their tutors.
- For Year 11 Dr Frost maths homework, it is the pupil's normal school email with the following password: password (all lowercase) Pupils will be then asked to create a new password unique to them.
- If a student forgets their password, any teacher including their tutor can help reset it.
- If there are problems logging in, students should speak to their English, 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 MathsGenie to support them with a second attempt.
- Students get 3 habit points for each completed homework.

If students find a question hard, Sparx has a help button. If they still need help, they should ask their teacher before the deadline.

Homework Schedule

Subject	Set Day	Due Day	Detention Day
Maths	Monday	Monday	Tuesday (Room 202)
Science	Wednesday	Tuesday	Thursday (Room 20)
English	Monday	Monday	Tuesday (Room 10)

If homework isn't finished to 100%, students will have a 40-minute detention to complete it. If they finish it before the detention, they still need to come to the detention so teachers can check it. If students do not attend this detention, they will get a 90-minute SLT detention on Wednesday or Friday.

Extra Help

We're offering support clubs to help students with homework and give access to devices:

Subject	Support Day	Room
Maths	Tuesday	Room 105
Science	Monday	Room 20
English	Tuesday	Room 10

The school library also runs a homework club Monday to Thursday, 3:00–4:00pm.

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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