

7th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Now that Year 7 have settled into life at TPA, we'll start giving detentions for missed homework—just like we do for other year groups. This will begin with homework set from the week of **10th November**.

To support Year 7 with this change, detentions will only be given to students who complete **less than 50%** of their homework this term. From the **spring term**, detentions will apply to **any missed homework**.

All Maths, Science, and English homework is set on **Sparx Learning**.

Why Homework Matters

Research shows that doing homework helps students make more rapid progress and helps to improve their final GCSE grade. 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).
- 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 (some departments may set homework over half terms).
- Students get three praise 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 (Rom 10)

If homework is not finished to 50%, 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 are 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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