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Sparx Expectations

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We are delighted to be able to offer Sparx as our provider of maths homework for all pupils year 7 – year 11.

There is research and data to show Sparx has significant impact on pupils' maths attainment when completed consistently. For example, Research by RAND Europe and University of Cambridge found that using Sparx for **one hour per week** is *significantly* associated with improved maths grades. In addition, a trial involving 368 Year 7 students showed that homework length (delivered via Sparx) was very significantly associated with changes in attainment. However, such impact will only be seen if Sparx completion is consistent.

I would like to take this opportunity to clarify the expectations for Sparx Maths homework which will help us secure consistency in its weekly completion.

Sparx homework is set **once a week**, and pupils are expected to spend **one hour** completing it. Sparx is an adaptive programme, meaning that the questions become more challenging the more pupils are successful in their answers. If your child is finding a question difficult, they should watch the **support videos** provided within Sparx. The platform recognises when these videos have been used and offers further support accordingly. Watching the videos also helps teachers to see where pupils may be struggling and allows us to provide additional help where needed.

While Sparx encourages pupils to aim for 100% completion, we understand that this may not always be possible. As long as we can see that your child has spent an hour on their homework and has made a genuine effort, they will not receive a detention.

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child make the most of their maths learning.

Yours sincerely,

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