

Dear Parent/Carer

We are excited to inform you from Monday 15th September, your child will be using Sparx Maths to complete their weekly maths homework. Sparx provides a highly personalised weekly homework to students, tailored to their attainment level and working speed.

The online link is www.sparxmaths.com

Your child's homework will be set on a Thursday and due on the following Thursday every week.

We know you want to support your child's maths progress, so we are sending this letter to explain how Sparx works and how you can help your child complete their homework each week.

What is Sparx Maths Homework?

- Sparx provides personalised homework to each child, with questions that are challenging yet achievable, and tailored to their learning needs;
- The majority of each week's homework will be based on recently learnt topics, and it will also include some questions from previous topics to help reinforce their learning;
- Students access their homework on their online Sparx account, where they will get immediate feedback for each question about whether their answer was correct or they need to have another try;
- While homework is accessed online, it is predominantly a written homework and students **should record their work in their workbooks**. Sparx has a "bookwork check" system to help students form this habit and this will be checked weekly in lessons;
- Every question in Sparx has a support video attached so your child can get help independently.

How can you help your child with their homework?

- Encourage them to start their homework early so they can get help from their teacher, before the deadline, if they get stuck. To ensure no gaps form in your child's maths knowledge, homework is not marked as complete until **all** of the compulsory questions have been answered correctly;
- Check the weekly email you will get from Sparx and praise your child for starting or completing their homework. Encourage them to finish it before the deadline if they haven't already done so;
- Try not to help your child with a question until they've had a go first. **It is essential they try to complete their homework independently** so that Sparx can give them questions that are at the right level for them. Remember they can watch the support videos if they need to.

What support is available at Thomas Keble?

- Maths club every Tuesday after school in T22 until 4:15 pm. Maths staff will be there to help and answer any questions or support with any topics students are finding difficult;
- The LRC has computers students can access and use after school.

We hope you agree that Sparx will play an exciting and important role in growing your child's understanding, success and confidence in maths.

Kind regards



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