

Homework Policy 2024-25

What are our aims for homework?

We believe that the best homework supports learning and it allows scholars an opportunity to build on their lessons, deepen their understanding, and consolidate learning.

How much homework do we set?

We expect scholars in years 7-9 to complete around 1 hour of homework every evening. In years 10 and 11, scholars complete a minimum of 2 hours of homework per night.

What subject homework do we set?

Scholars receive homework from every subject at least once per week. Homework is set on the same day each week (see homework timetable below).

Homework is tailored to every subject and will be a combination of worksheets and online activities. Each teacher designs the homework to the class to make sure scholars are adequately challenged.

We use two main online platforms to set homework, Sparx and Carousel.

| KS3 Homework | | | | | |
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| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| Subject 1 | Sparx Science | Self-Quizzing | Sparx Maths | Self-Quizzing | Sparx Reader |

| KS4 Homework | | | | | |
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| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| Subject 1 | Sparx Maths | English | Science | Option A | Knowledge Quizzes |
| Subject 2 | | | | Option C | Option B |

What is Sparx?

Sparx is an excellent online reading, maths and science programme that has videos and questions on every maths topic for Y7-11. We find that our scholars enjoy Sparx, and it has had huge benefits for progress. Scholars will learn how to use Sparx in Year 7.

Parents are encouraged to check what their child has been doing and how long they have spent on Sparx. Your child should complete their Sparx homework to 100% each week, which you can check on your child's homepage.

Scholars should write down their workings in their Sparx books and watch the video and retry questions when unsure.

Scholars are encouraged to complete extra practice by completing the 'XP Boost' and 'Target' homework each week too, found on the homepage. Sparx also offers the option to search for specific topics to practise on the 'Independent Learning' tab.

Sparx Maths - <https://Sparxmaths.com/>

Sparx Reader - <https://Sparxreader.com/>

Sparx Science - <https://Sparxscience.com/>

What is Carousel?

Carousel is an online platform that helps scholars to embed knowledge in their long-term memory using carefully designed retrieval quizzes.

Carousel - <https://www.carousel-learning.com/>

How do we define successful homework completion?

- Scholars are expected to achieve 80%+ completion on Carousel homework.
- Scholars are expected to achieve 100% in Sparx Maths, Sparx Reader and Sparx Science.

Class Charts

In years 10 and 11, the homework to be completed (including any Carousel Learning links) will be posted on Microsoft Teams. Scholars need their school email address and password to access this.

Both families and scholars can view their upcoming homework on the homework tab in the Class Charts app.

How is homework rewarded?

- 10 achievement points on Class Charts are awarded to scholars who complete their homework and meet the above threshold.
- Failure to complete a homework or meet the pass thresholds above will result in 3 negative points, which equates to a 30-minute detention as a minimum.

What support is available?

To ensure every scholar has the opportunity to successfully complete homework, a homework club is available at the end of the academic day in IT03, IT02 and IT05, Monday to Friday until 4:00pm.

How can families support with homework completion?

Families can support their child with the completion of homework by:

- Asking them if they have completed homework.
- Encouraging them to attend the homework club after school.
- To communicate with the academy if they need support.
- Ensuring they have a quiet space to work independently, away from household distractions.