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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to you to remind you of the mathematics homework expectations. Homework is set weekly for every maths class through Sparx Maths. Our aim this term is to improve our completion rates as this is directly related to improving student outcomes. To ensure that homework completion improves, any students who do not finish the homework by the deadline will be kept in during break, lunch or after-school to provide time and support to catch up.

Sparx Maths Homework is tailored to each student's learning needs and also provides the opportunity to revisit key learning of previous topics. Although based online, students are expected to write their working out answers down to develop good exam habits, this is also checked through 'Bookwork Checks'. Each question has a support video attached which your child can watch if they are struggling or need a reminder. All homework is online so students receive immediate feedback each week. Completing the weekly homework will support your child's understanding of Sparx maths, which will enable them to use it more competently when revising for assessments and during Year 11.

How can you help your child with their homework?

- Encourage your child to write the question codes, working out and answers so they can become more confident showing their working out in order to pass the 'Bookwork Check' part of the homework.
- Encourage them to start their homework early so they can get help from their teacher before the deadline if they get stuck - homework is not marked as complete until **all** of the compulsory questions have been answered correctly.
- Encourage your child to watch the accompanying video for each question if they are struggling with a question and then speak with their teacher if they cannot answer a question.
- Check the weekly email you receive from Sparx and encourage them to start the homework if they haven't already and finish it before the deadline.

What are homework expectations each week and what support is available at Springfield School?

- Sparx homework will be set on a weekly basis and should last for approximately one hour.
- Students should aim to complete 100% of the task.
- Students who struggle to complete the homework can ask their teacher for help in lessons or can attend the maths homework club which is held every Wednesday in C03 after school. We recommend homework is started well **before** the deadline to allow time for help and to ensure the maximum is completed.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's maths teacher

Kind regards



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