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Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Sparx Maths

The Mathematics Department is pleased to announce that we will be using Sparx Maths for homework for all year groups this academic year. Sparx is an exciting online platform that offers every student a personalised Maths homework, where exercises are tailored to each student's learning level, ensuring they receive appropriate challenges and support. This enhances their learning experience and reinforces mathematical learning outside the classroom.

Their first homework will be set on Wednesday 17 September and all students will have a week to complete this. We know that you want to support your child's Maths progress, therefore, this letter explains how Sparx works and why it is important that your child achieves a 100% completion.

When will homework be set and due in?

All students will have homework set at 14:00 hrs on a Wednesday and is due in by 07:00 hrs the following Wednesday.

In addition to Sparx, Year 11 pupils may have a past examination script to complete once a fortnight. This will be set by your child's class teacher and will be visible in your child's planner.

Homework will not be set on the last week of each half term.

What are my childs log in details?

All log in details use your child's school email address and school password. From the Sparx Maths homepage, students must click on log in, student log in. The next screen will ask for the school's name, which is **The Hart School**. The final page says Log into Sparx Maths using Microsoft.

How does Sparx homework work?

Sparx **personalises each child's homework**, creating a weekly set of questions **tailored to their level of understanding and learning pace**. The questions are designed to be achievable whilst offering the stretch that learners need to make progress.

Each week, topics are set by your child's Maths teacher and will make up the majority of the homework questions. Questions from previous topics will also be included in the homework



so that students can keep practising the skills they have learned. Students receive immediate feedback on their work, helping them understand and correct mistakes right away.

How can I help my child with their homework?

We appreciate that you will of course want to support your child with their home learning but please try not to help them with a question until they've had a go first! It is **important that they complete their homework independently**, and that questions are marked as correct.

Students should watch the support video if they are stuck on any question in their homework. This way, Sparx can make sure your child continues to see homework that's at the right level for them.

If students are unable to complete this homework at home, they have the option to attend any homework club to gain support.

Why does my child need to achieve 100% compulsory homework completion?

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Sparx Homework is deliberately designed to help students really get to grips with and understand the concepts and skills they are learning by ensuring they cover the essential building blocks needed to make progress in Maths. Sparx research has shown that this type of personalised Maths home learning leads to clear progress.

It is advised that students do their homework as early as possible. Homework is not marked as complete until **all** of the compulsory questions have been answered correctly, so starting early is key to finishing before hand-in time. If students wish to support their own learning, further they are able to continue completing work on Sparx that has not been set as homework.

You can keep track of your child's homework completion in the weekly email you will receive from Sparx. We hope you agree that Sparx will play an exciting and important role in helping your child's understanding, success and confidence in mathematics to grow.

For more information, please visit the Sparx website (Link: <u>Top Tips for Parents</u>) where there is a video which further explains the platform and help sheets to help students login. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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