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Dear Parent/Carers

I am writing to share some information regarding slight changes to homework for students and provide clarifications of expectations.

Homework for **English, Maths and Science is mandatory** and failure to complete these tasks to the required standard by the due day will result in a next day **60 minute after school detention**.

Starting next half term (Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February), English, Maths and Science will all be due on **Fridays**. This change has been made to ensure expectations are the same for all students and reduce confusion.

Art and Design Technology also provide homework. These activities are designed to support students in their development within these subjects so it would be greatly appreciated if you can encourage your child to complete these tasks. However, children will not receive a detention if they do not complete the work.

The table below details the requirements for each of the mandatory subjects that Y7, Y8 and Y9 students should complete **every week**.

Subject	Due	Task	Time	What counts as completed homework?
English	Friday	Complete 30 minutes on Sparx Reader	30 minutes	300 Sparx points
Maths	Friday	Complete tasks set online with Sparx Maths. Students must show their working out for these tasks in a notebook and share this with their teacher in class.	30 minutes	100% of questions correct on Sparx* and a notebook of their working out. OR Incorrect questions attempted 10 times if 100% is not achieved <i>*Sparx will provide support if students are struggling to answer questions</i>
Science	Friday	Complete tasks set online with Sparx Science.	30 minutes	100% of questions correct on Sparx* OR Incorrect questions attempted 10 times if 100% is not achieved <i>*Sparx will provide support if students are struggling to answer questions</i>

If students have not spent time reattempting the question they are struggling with, and have not spent 30 minutes on Sparx Maths or Science, this will result in a next day **60 minute after school detention**.

If students have not achieved 300 Sparx points in Science Reader, this will result in a next day **60 minute after school detention**.

Below are several scenarios to help clarify what is classed as completed homework.

*Scenario 1:* A student has attempted their Maths homework on Sparx Maths. They have got 100% of the questions correct, but they have not shown their working out in a notepad. This student has not met all the requirements and will receive a next day **60 minute after school detention**.

*Scenario 2:* A student has attempted their Science homework on Sparx Science. They have got 99% of the questions correct, but there is one question they are confused about. They have attempted to answer the question three times, but still not got the correct answer.. This student has not met all the requirements and will receive a next day **60 minute after school detention**.

*Scenario 3:* A student has attempted their English homework on Sparx Reader but they have only achieved 299 Sparx points. This student has not met all the requirements and will receive a next day **60 minute after school detention**.

*Scenario 4:* A student has attempted their Maths homework on Sparx Maths. They have shown all their working out in a notepad and have got 93% of the questions correct. For each question they have got incorrect they have accessed the support videos and attempted the question 10 times overall, but still have not been able to get the correct answer. This student has met all the requirements and they can enjoy the rest of their evening or weekend.

*Scenario 5:* A student has attempted their Science homework on Sparx Science. They have got 100% of the questions correct, but have only spent 20 minutes on their homework. This student has met all the requirements and they can enjoy the rest of their evening or weekend.

## Why are Wingfield Academy using Sparx Reader, Sparx Maths and Sparx Science for homework?

Sparx Learning (including Sparx Reader, Sparx Maths and Sparx Science) is an online platform that provides personalised data-driven homework. Once students have completed a few sets of homework Sparx is able to offer tailored, achievable questions that boost students confidence.

If students are struggling with questions, then they are required to keep attempting the same question. Sparx will either provide a video, simplify the question or give them a simpler text to support them. We want students to continue attempting an incorrect answer to help them build their resilience. If students are still struggling with a question after 10 attempts they can move on to the next question.

Sparx Learning also allows teachers to track student progress and identify gaps in knowledge so we can ensure we support all students in their learning. In addition, Sparx Learning has been proven to increase students GCSE grades by 30% if used regularly.

## How do students log in to Sparx Reader, Sparx Maths and Sparx Science?

Students log in at [sparxreader.com](http://sparxreader.com), [sparxmaths.com](http://sparxmaths.com) or [sparxscience.com](http://sparxscience.com). They will need to find their school and then click the "log in to Sparx using Google" button. They can log in using their school email (...@[my.wingfields.org](mailto:my.wingfields.org)) and password. Every student should have received their school email and created their password.

If your child is struggling with this process, please contact Dr Oakland ([coa@nclt.ac.uk](mailto:coa@nclt.ac.uk)).

## What should my child do if they have forgotten their username or password?

Students can speak to Mr Foster in IT support and he can reset their password.

## What devices are supported by Sparx?

Your child can access Sparx on any device that connects to the internet with a web browser.

## How can I support my child with their homework?

The best way to support your child is to remind them to complete their homework tasks, and, if possible, provide a quiet space for your child to focus on these tasks.

On the Parent Portal, you can track the homework progress of your child for any Sparx learning your child is using.

Sparx is designed to adapt to each student's ability so it is important that your child attempts all questions themselves. If they are struggling, Sparx will either provide a video, simplify the question or give them a simpler text to support them. If they are completing the tasks really quickly, Sparx will introduce additional tasks designed to stretch the child's knowledge.

## Is there any additional support provided by the school?

Reminders of homework tasks and due days are on Google Classroom for students to check if they forget.

We run a homework club every Monday to Friday from 2.55pm to 3.55pm. A member of staff is present who can provide support with logging on to the computer and assist with finding the current homework task.

## What can I do if my child is consistently struggling to complete their homework every week?

Please contact Dr Oakland ([coa@nclt.ac.uk](mailto:coa@nclt.ac.uk)), who is responsible for organising and monitoring homework for Y7 to Y9.

Yours sincerely



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