



ST PETER'S  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND  
AIDED SCHOOL

Dear Parents,

We have decided to work with the Exeter based company Sparx as a pilot school for their online Maths homework platform for year 7 students. This innovative scheme provides students with a bespoke homework that is based on their area of needs and levels in maths. Each homework will be set on a Wednesday and will be due the following Tuesday. The homework will need to be completed online and in their homework books each week. The compulsory part of the homework will take approximately 1 hour and all students must complete all questions correctly. I am attaching a leaflet from Sparx explaining why this is achievable.

We will be launching this homework with students this week in their maths lessons where they will be given the opportunity to start their first piece of homework. They should then complete this homework at home. It is important that they complete this first piece of work independently with the support of the online videos, if necessary, so that Sparx are able to set future homeworks at the correct pace and level for each student. By all means support them by watching the videos with them and having a conversation about the maths but don't give them any answers.

After the first week a Maths Homework Help club will run every Wednesday lunchtime in C17. At other times students are able to remain after school and complete homework in the library where they can have access to ICT or at lunchtimes if they need it. There should be no reason why any student is unable to complete a homework and we would like you to contact us immediately if there are any unforeseen problems to avoid a student being given a sanction. The sanction for incomplete homework will be a lunchtime detention on the Tuesday the homework is due. Students will then be expected to complete the homework at home that evening.

We have very high expectations in terms of supporting student progress with this new scheme and hope that you will give us your full support with it as research shows students do best when schools and families work in partnership. If at any time you want to discuss the use of Sparx for homework please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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