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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: SPARX Mathematics – Supporting Success Through Consistent Homework Completion

As we begin another academic year, we would like to thank you for your continued support of your child's mathematics learning. Last year, we introduced SPARX Mathematics to help students develop strong mathematical knowledge, independence and confidence. As students have now progressed into Year 9 we would like to take this opportunity to remind families about the important role SPARX plays in helping students achieve success in mathematics.

Why Homework Completion Matters

Regular completion of SPARX homework is one of the most effective ways students can support their progress in mathematics. The platform provides carefully personalised questions designed to reinforce current classroom learning while revisiting previously taught topics, helping students retain key knowledge, develop fluency and build long-term confidence. Students who complete their homework consistently are better prepared for lessons, assessments and future learning – as with any skill, mathematics improves through regular practice. For Year 8, homework will run Thursday to Thursday

Using Help Videos When Stuck

Whenever students are unsure how to answer a question, they can access a short instructional video directly from within the homework task. We strongly encourage students to watch these videos before seeking the answer elsewhere or giving up on a question – they model the methods taught in school and help students work independently while developing their understanding.

Showing Working Out and Book Checks

Students are expected to complete all workings in their mathematics exercise book, or on paper that is then glued in. The SPARX Book Check feature encourages this habit: at various points, students may be asked to recall an answer from an earlier question, which they can only do successfully if their working has been recorded clearly. Showing working out is an essential mathematical skill – it helps students organise their thinking, identify and correct mistakes, demonstrate their methods, and prepare for assessments and examinations.

Support Available from the Mathematics Department

We understand that students may occasionally need additional support. Our staff monitor homework completion and performance regularly and are on hand to help students who are finding particular topics challenging; students are encouraged to speak to their mathematics teacher if they need clarification, support or guidance.

To further support students, the Mathematics Department will also be introducing a SPARX Mathematics Clinic – a safe, supportive space where students can get help with homework and difficult questions, watch videos with guidance from staff, and complete homework using school facilities. Further details, including dates, times and location, will be shared with students and parents in due course.

Thank you for your continued support. By working together and encouraging regular completion of SPARX homework, we can help students develop confidence, resilience and success in mathematics. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact myself or any member of the Mathematics Department.

With kind regards,

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