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GRAMMAR SCHOOL
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Dear Parent/Carer,

New Maths Homework Website: Sparx Maths

We are excited to inform you that from Monday 2 October, your child will be using Sparx Maths to complete their weekly maths homework. Sparx provides a highly personalised weekly homework to students, tailored to their attainment level and working speed.

Your child's homework will be set on **Wednesday 4pm** and due on **the following Wednesday 8am** every week.

We appreciate the support you to give for your child's maths progress, so we are sending this letter to explain how Sparx works and how you can help your child complete their homework each week.

What is Sparx maths homework?

- Sparx provides homework personalised for each child, with questions that are challenging yet achievable, and tailored to their learning needs.
- The majority of the homework will be based on recently learnt topics, but will also include some questions from previous topics to help reinforce learning.
- Students access their homework on their online Sparx account, which is linked to their school email address.
- If they have issues logging in, an email is sent to their class teacher automatically, so their password can be reset.
- Students will receive immediate feedback for each question, including if their answer was correct or if they need to try again.
- Although homework is accessed online, it is predominantly a written homework and students should record their work in their workbooks. Sparx has a "bookwork checks" system to help students form this habit.
- Support videos are attached to every question in Sparx. Students can access these to support their independent learning.

How can you help your child with their homework?

- Provide a quiet space for your child to complete their homework.
- Encourage them to start their homework early so they can ask for support from their teacher before the deadline if they require additional help.
- To ensure no gaps form in your child's maths knowledge, homework is not marked as complete until **all** of the compulsory questions have been answered correctly.
- It is really important that your child tries to complete their homework independently so that Sparx can tailor their questions. Please try to let them have a go first and direct them to the support videos if they need some help.

We hope you agree that Sparx will play an exciting and important role in growing your child's understanding, success and confidence in maths.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr Hill at HillJ@hgs.rkt.co.uk.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Hill', written in a cursive style.

Mr Hill
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