

20th December 2023

## Years 7-10 | Update for Sparx Maths Homework

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to inform you of a change we are making to our weekly scheduled Maths homework on Sparx Maths.

We are aligning the hand in day/time to be every at **Monday 7am**, for every student in **year 7**, **8**, **9** and **10** at Bluecoat Wollaton. This is intended to support students in their organization to ensure it is completed by the given deadline. Students will still have a full week to complete this homework and are therefore encouraged to complete the homework as soon as it is set on a Monday to enable them to access support. **Homework is set each week** except for the weeks in school holidays.

Students can access the Maths Clinic twice a week at lunchtime (timetable below), where there will be a Maths teacher on hand to provide any support required. This should be accessed prior to the deadline to ensure 100% is achieved on each week's homework. Students will be issued with negative points and sanctions if the homework is not completed to this level each week.

Using Sparx Maths for homework is proven to boost student's grades. Just 1 hour a week can help students fill gaps in knowledge, consolidate learning the lessons and push them into the next grade. It is an intelligent system that provides bespoke questions to the students. The 'watch video' option on each question, allows the students to build independence for finding the solution themselves based on similar examples.

Along the Maths corridor, students will find a weekly leaderboard showing the top 5 students in each year group that have the highest XP points. These students receive an additional 5 positive points each time their name is displayed. There will be new rewards for certain milestones launching in January 2024. To boost their XP points students can be completing the XP Boost and Target questions in addition to their compulsory homework.

If you have any further questions about how you can support your child with their Sparx Maths homework, please contact their Maths teacher.



**Trust Director of Mathematics** 

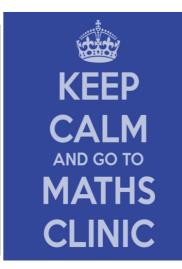
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Week A		
Day	For who	Staffing
Monday	KS3 12:20 - 13:00	Mr Tilson Mr Hall
Tuesday	KS4 13:20 – 14:00 Topic	Miss Moore Mrs Grimshaw
Thursday	KS4 13:20 – 14:00 Exam papers	Mrs Sharpe
Friday	KS3 12:20 - 13:00	Mr Baker Miss Moore



Week B		
Day	For who	Staffing
Monday	KS3 12:20 - 13:00	Mrs Grimshaw Miss Moore
Tuesday	KS4 13:20 – 14:00 Topic	Mrs Sharpe Mr Baker
Thursday	KS3 12:20 - 13:00	Mr Hall Mr Tilson
Friday	KS4 13:20 – 14:00 Exam papers	Mrs Grimshaw Miss Moore