

24th October 2024

Dear Parent & Guardian,

We are excited to inform you that from the week beginning 21 October 2024, 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.

We know you want to support 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 personalised homework to each pupil, with questions that are challenging yet achievable, and tailored to their learning needs.
- Every question in Sparx has a support video attached that your child can get help independently.
- The majority of each week's homework will be based on recently learnt topics, but it will also include some questions from previous topics to help reinforce their learning.
- We expect all questions to be attempted, and if a pupil has incorrectly answered a question, we expect them to watch the video and reattempt it. If they are still getting a question incorrect, we expect them to speak to their teacher before the deadline.
- Students access their homework on their online Sparx account, where they'll get immediate feedback for each question about whether their answer was correct or they need to have another try. They can access their Sparx account by using the same details as they would for MyHighcliffe.
- While 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.

How can you help your child with their homework?

- Provide a quiet space for your child to focus on their homework each week.
- Encourage them to start their homework early so they can get help from their teacher before the deadline if they get stuck. 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. Commendations will be given to those who complete their homework early.
- Try not to help your child with a question until they've had a go first. It is essential they try to complete their homework independently so that Sparx can give them questions that are at the right level for them. Remember they can watch the support videos if they need to. If they are still finding a question difficult please encourage them to speak to their teacher before the due date.

- Encourage your child to extend themselves by completing the XP boost, target questions or independent learning. Extra commendations will be available for those who complete these tasks.

What support is available at Highcliffe?

- If your child is stuck on a question after watching the video, please encourage them to speak to their class teacher before the due date.
- After school homework club is available every day in IT3 and MA8 is open at lunchtime.
- If you would like further information on Sparx, please visit the following website <https://sparxmaths.com/parents/>

All students can use MyHelp which is the question mark next to the homestudy task on Highcliffe.

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 your child's teacher via the office.

Kind regards

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