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Dear Parent/Carer,

**Homework for KS4 (Years 10 - 11)**

This week your child has started to be set homework tasks in all of their GCSE subjects.

In Year 10 and Year 11 homework will be set on a variety of online platforms including Sparx Maths and Seneca as well as more traditional homework tasks including portfolio work, exam questions and longer pieces of written work where appropriate. The tasks set will be purposeful and will ensure students receive regular retrieval practice and are developing their knowledge and understanding in order to be equipped to make more progress as they prepare for their GCSE examinations. This approach to homework will always ensure consistency between subjects enabling staff to identify and address any gaps in understanding or misconceptions.

Your child should expect to spend approximately 40 - 60 minutes completing homework per subject per week.

To support students in Year 10 and Year 11 manage their time and be successful, homework will be set on the following days:

**Year 10**

	<b>Maths</b>	<b>English</b>	<b>Science</b>	<b>Option A</b>	<b>Option B</b>	<b>Option C</b>	<b>Option D</b>
Day Homework Set	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Homework Completion	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Homework Clinics – Lunchtime & Afterschool until 16:00	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Centralised Homework Detention	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Monday

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## Year 11

	Maths	English	Science	Option A	Option B	Option C
Day Homework Set	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Homework Completion	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Flying Start; Working Lunch and Champion's Hour to support homework completion in J5						
Homework Detention	Friday Week A as part of the Year 11 Offer					

Students have a 7-day completion window for each homework task and will have access to optional lunchtime and afterschool homework clinics which they can use to help them complete their homework. Homework clinics for Year 10 will be held in the School Library. Homework completion windows will be extended to account for half term, Christmas and Easter holidays.

Year 11 will also be supported to complete their homework and revision activities through the opportunities available through The Year 11 Offer with Flying Start; Working Lunch and Champion's hour.

We are aware that some students may experience some issues logging into the various platforms. If your child is experiencing issues, please contact their subject teacher directly so that they are aware and can support to rectify the issues in school.

All Students are expected to complete all of their homework tasks in every subject and submit their homework on time. If a student does not complete their homework or submit their homework on time, they will be issued with a homework detention which will be set on the days shown above. Homework detentions will last for 45 minutes.

To ensure that any login issues are resolved and to ensure students start the year successfully, homework detentions will not start until the week beginning 23rd September. If there are issues with homework completion and/or submission during this period, you will be contacted by your child's subject teacher and your child will be supported to overcome any barriers that are preventing them completing 100% of their homework.

### How you can help your child

- Ask your child about their homework tasks. Check they understand what they need to do. If they seem unsure, encourage them to speak with their teacher **before** the day homework is due.
- Use the following guides to the online platforms being used to understand the tasks your child is being set and support them in accessing the platform.

Sparx Maths - <https://support.sparx.co.uk/docs/sparx-math-homework-for-parents>



Seneca (English; Science; History; Geography; MFL; RE; Business; Computer Science) - <https://help.senecalearning.com/en/articles/2483292-what-is-seneca-learning>

Everlearner ( GCSE PE and Sports Studies) - <https://help.theeverlearner.com/knowledge/parent-guide>

- Remind and check that your child has completed their homework tasks and have submitted their homework on time.

If you have any questions regarding your child's homework, please contact your child's subject teacher in the first instance.

May I take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your ongoing support of your child and their KS4 studies.

Yours sincerely

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