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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Sparx Maths

I am writing to inform you about the expectations and to provide helpful information regarding maths homework using Sparx Maths.

Maths homework is set weekly on Sparx Maths every Wednesday and should be completed by the following Monday at 8 am. Each week's homework consists of three parts: a compulsory section that all students must complete to 100%, a target section for additional practice, and an XP boost section offering stretch and challenge opportunities for students to earn rewards. Completing 100% of the compulsory tasks is essential because the questions are tailored to each student's proficiency, and it is not a test.

To log in, students should use the "Log in to Sparx using Microsoft" button. This method simplifies the process and allows students to reset their own passwords if forgotten.

To help all students achieve 100%, we offer a Homework Club every Thursday from 3 pm to 4 pm in the OLC, where students can seek help from maths teachers. We encourage all students to attend if they need assistance. Additionally, there is a drop-in session on Friday lunchtimes in WU11 where students can receive further help.

One of the key features of Sparx Maths is its built-in video support system. If students encounter challenges with certain questions or topics, they have access to a wide range of informative videos that provide step-by-step guidance and explanations. We strongly encourage our students to take advantage of these resources and to take notes on key examples provided in the videos.

If a student struggles to achieve 100% by Monday at 8 am and scores between 70% and 99%, they will need to attend a mandatory lunchtime catch-up session, where maths teachers will be available to help. Failure to attend this session will result in an after-school detention.

We emphasise that students should complete their Sparx Maths homework independently. As mentioned, the programme's algorithm adjusts the difficulty level based on their performance, so working alone ensures an accurate assessment. This approach also alleviates the pressure on parents/carers to assist with complex mathematical questions.

Please note that while Sparx and its emails may state that the due date for maths homework is Wednesday, the actual due date for Glenmoor and Winton Academies is Monday.

We believe Sparx Maths has great potential to deepen our students' understanding of mathematics, and we are excited to see their progress. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding Sparx Maths or any other aspect of your child's education, please contact your child's maths teacher.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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