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# sparx

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to provide you with some information about your child's upcoming Maths course for Year 7 and 8 and the homework they will be set each week.

Your child will be introduced to Sparx in their Maths lessons and their homework will be set by their Maths teacher using the same system. By the time your child is set their first homework, they will be familiar with the way the system works. To help with any questions, I am running a parents' Q&A session on the 16<sup>th</sup> October at 5:30pm. This will run directly before the parents' forum evening, which you would also be welcome to attend.

Homework will be compiled specifically for your child, to create a bespoke set of questions each week. This is designed to help them consolidate their learning from lessons during the week. It will include exercises that are appropriate to their level and which we hope they will enjoy and be motivated to do well in. Sparx is able to gauge your child's strengths and weaknesses in order to provide subsequent homework which is tailored to their needs. Each homework question also comes with a help video that is designed to support the student if they are finding a particular question difficult.

Homework will be set weekly by their maths teacher and is designed to take your child 1 to 2 hours to complete. Homework hand-out will take place on a regular designated day each week. Homework hand-in will also occur on a regular designated day.

Your child will be able to access their homework online both at home and at school when a device (such as a tablet or computer) is made available for them. Students who cannot access computers at home can use any computer in the school. A Maths room will be made available during the week for this purpose.

Your child is expected to fully complete their homework in time for the hand-in day with all answers fully correct. If there is an issue preventing your child from completing their homework please contact their Maths teacher or Miss Richardson.

You will be updated about your child's progress in a weekly email which will highlight a topic your child is struggling with and provide a tutorial video to help them with it. Please feel free to watch this video with your child. **It is important that students ultimately answer the questions themselves so that Sparx gets to know their ability and can generate**

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**appropriate homework.** The email will also keep you informed about when the next homework will be set and whether your child has completed their previous homework.

In order to deliver lessons, bespoke homework and weekly emails, the school shares personal information with our trusted partner, Sparx Limited. Sparx processes data about your child such as name, school class and educational performance. The school will securely share your email address with Sparx who will use it to send you emails about your child's homework and for no other purpose. Sparx will promptly delete email addresses from their system once they are no longer required. For a full description of the data Sparx collects and how it is used please visit [www.sparx.co.uk/privacy-policy-for-schools](http://www.sparx.co.uk/privacy-policy-for-schools).

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact me using my email address [Philip.humphrey@teignmouth.devon.sch.uk](mailto:Philip.humphrey@teignmouth.devon.sch.uk)

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Phil Humphrey', written in a cursive style.

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Associate Assistant Principal