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Dear Parent/Carer

KS3 Homework Arrangements

We are writing to inform you of some upcoming changes to our KS3 homework arrangements, which will take effect from this term. The aim of these changes is twofold: firstly, to reduce the number of online platforms that students and parents/carers need to access, and secondly, to place a greater emphasis on improving students' recall of key subject-specific terminology, which is vital for long-term learning and academic success.

From this term onwards, all KS3 students will be set **one weekly key definitions homework quiz**, which will be completed on **Bromcom**. This quiz will focus on essential vocabulary from across subjects. Details explaining how students can access the Bromcom student portal (through a web browser or the app) are provided on the attached document – **Student guidance for completing KS3 homework**.

Students will be recorded with either a **positive point** or a **negative point** each week, depending on whether the quiz is completed. This will allow us to monitor engagement and provide consistent expectations across year groups.

In addition to this weekly quiz:

- **Maths homework** will continue to be set on **Sparx Maths**.
- **English homework** will now be set on **Sparx Reader**, which students can access using the same login details as Sparx Maths.

As a result, students will have **three compulsory pieces of homework each week**:

1. Bromcom key definitions quiz.
2. Sparx Maths.
3. Sparx Reader.

Students who complete all three tasks each week will achieve a homework score of **"3 – Engaged in Learning."** Alongside these compulsory tasks, students in Year 8 and 9 will also be offered **two optional, subject-specific extended tasks each half term**. For **Year 7**, there will be **one cross-curricular project each half term**. These tasks are designed to be longer, more in-depth tasks that allow students to demonstrate independence, curiosity, and a deeper level of engagement with their learning.

Students who complete an extended project should show it to their **subject teacher** (or **form tutor for Year 7**). Completion will be rewarded with **10 house points** and will demonstrate that the student is **"4 – Fully Invested in Learning."**



Homework will be set from week 3, with only positive points being logged in the first week to give all students time to check they can login to the Bromcom student portal and Sparx Maths and Reader. We believe these changes will help to make homework more manageable, meaningful, and consistent, while also supporting students in developing strong subject knowledge.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours faithfully

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