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Sparx Maths Homework Platform

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to inform you of a new online homework platform that will be used to support achievement in mathematics going forward. We, Sir Thomas Boteler Church of England High School, believe Sparx Maths will provide significant benefits to students as it uses AI to customise the questions your child is asked based upon their individual strengths and weaknesses thus providing a fully individualised learning experience.

Students were introduced to Sparx Maths before the Christmas break and provided instructions on how to access the platform. For clarity these are provided below:

- Go to the Sparx Maths website (sparxmaths.com)
- Choose student login from the drop-down menu in the top right-hand corner of the webpage
- Input the name of our school Sir Thomas Boteler Church of England High School
- Input your child's username and password

Each student's username is their name with no capital letters or spaces. For example, Joe Smith would have a username of joesmith. If your child has already logged onto Sparx Maths they will have already set their own password. They can request this to reset using the forgotten password option provided should they forget it.

If your child has not yet accessed Sparx Maths they should select the New User option at the bottom of the login page to be guided through activating their account.

The first Sparx Mathematics homework went live when we returned from the Christmas break on Wednesday 8th January and some of you will already have received emails letting you know if your child has not completed their homework. This feature is automatic and will ensure that you are kept informed of their engagement.

Students are expected to complete their Sparx Maths homework on a weekly cycle and it would be greatly appreciated if you could continue to support them to get into good habits in this regard. They should be encouraged to access it early so that if they are struggling, and have made use of the in-built help videos, they can ask their maths teacher for help before the homework is due. Ensuring that you discuss successful



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completion of their homework should you receive an email via Sparx is also key to the success of this platform.

I would like to reassure you that Sparx will adapt based on your child's level of ability from an initial starting point that is classified as average for their age group. As such whilst these first couple of weeks could be either too easy or slightly too challenging for them it will soon adapt.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

R Allen

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