



12<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

We are excited to inform you that from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February, we will be trialling Sparx Maths for your child to complete their weekly maths homework. Sparx provides a highly personalised weekly homework to students, tailored to their attainment level and working speed.

Your child's homework will be set on a Monday and due on Monday every week.

We know you want to support your child's maths progress, so we are sending this letter to explain how Sparx works and how you can help your child complete their homework each week.

### **What is Sparx Maths Homework?**

- Sparx provides personalized homework to each child, with questions that are challenging yet achievable, and tailored to their learning needs.
- The majority of each week's homework will be based on recently learnt topics, but it will also include some questions from previous topics to help reinforce their learning.
- Students access their homework on their online Sparx account, where they'll get immediate feedback for each question about whether their answer was correct or they need to have another try.
- While homework is accessed online, it is predominantly a written homework and students should record their work in their workbooks. Sparx has a "bookwork checks" system to help students form this habit.
- Every question in Sparx has a support video attached to that your child can get help independently.

### **How can your child login?**

1. Search for Sparx Maths on Google or type in <https://www.sparxmaths.uk/>
2. Select Student
3. Type in Bishop Challoner Catholic School
4. Log in to Sparx using Microsoft
5. Type in the same log in details that you use for RM Unify
6. Watch the Getting Started Videos

### **How can you help your child with their homework?**

- Provide a quiet space for your child to focus on their homework each week.
- Encourage them to start their homework early so they can get help from their teacher before the deadline if they get stuck. To ensure no gaps form in your child's maths knowledge, homework is not marked as complete until **all** of the compulsory questions have been answered correctly.
- Check the weekly email you'll get from Sparx and praise your child for starting or completing their homework. Encourage them to finish it before the deadline if they haven't already done so.
- Try not to help your child with a question until they've had a go first. It is essential they try to complete their homework independently so that Sparx can give them questions that are at the right level for them. Remember they can watch the support videos if they need to.

### **What support is available at Bishop Challoner?**

There will be a KS3 Homework Club every Wednesday from 3.15pm – 4.15pm in Room 315. Students are able to access computers and get support from a Maths teacher if needed.

We hope you agree that Sparx will play an exciting and important role in growing your child's understanding, success and confidence in maths.

Should you need any further information please do not hesitate to contact me on my email below.

Yours sincerely,

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