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Dear Parents

We are excited to inform you that from July, your child will be using Sparx Maths to complete their weekly maths homework. Sparx provides a highly personalised weekly homework to students, tailored to their attainment level and working speed. Each child's class teacher will assign homework on the same day each week to help students remember when their Maths homework is due.

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 "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.
- The Sparx programme adapts depending on the child's working speed and progress made. It will increase the level of challenge as your child progresses.

How can you help your child with their homework?

- Provide a quiet space for your child to focus on their homework each week on a device with internet connectivity. CGA can offer support with this if needed- students can speak to their Maths teacher or Head of Year.
- Encourage your child 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 will get from Sparx and praise your child for starting or completing their homework. Encourage them to finish it before the deadline if they have not already done so.
- Try not to help your child with a question until they have 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 Clapton Girls Academy?

- Students can access the LRC after school every day from 3.00-4.30pm to complete their Sparx homework.
- Students can ask their classroom teacher for support and arrange to see them outside of lessons 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.

If you have any questions, please contact us with the subject line "Sparx Maths" via the school inbox: cga@clapton.hackney.sch.uk

Kind regards,

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