



ST. AIDAN'S

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

7th June 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you for your support so far with the Sparx Maths homework system. Our students are currently achieving some of the highest completion rates in the region and we are hopeful that this will enable them to make better progress in the months and years to come.

Since signing up for Sparx our students have completed more than 125,000 questions over a period of just over a combined 1,800 hours. There are also 46 students who are already seeing the benefits of the times tables practice as they are no longer being held back by a lack of fluency in this important area. Please pass on the congratulations of the Maths department to your child/children for their contribution to these achievements.

As a department we are always looking to improve further so I'd like to draw your attention to the support available for our students and share a couple of strategies that are helping students with this homework.

The Maths department are available on a Tuesday and Wednesday lunchtime in IT3 and IT4 to offer support with questions that students are finding difficult; this has already helped to iron out several issues for students where they have misunderstood a question or not answered in the correct format. Teachers are also able to load "insights" into their classes' homework, this gives the teacher 5 questions the class need support on or that can be used to extend the class.

After watching the support video students can flag questions to their teacher when they require more help. This is displayed on the class hand-in page so the teacher is aware of a potential issue and will try to resolve it if their lesson allows.

All of this relies on good organisation from our students. Please encourage them to attempt the homework well ahead of the Wednesday deadline so they can access the support sessions and get additional help from their teachers if necessary. This will also help them avoid the afterschool catch up session on a Thursday that will be starting in the coming weeks.

Many thanks for your continued support.
Yours faithfully

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