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A Church of England Academy



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Dear Parent/Carer

At Bradford Forster Academy, we are committed to ensuring that every student develops confidence, fluency and success in Mathematics. To support this, students will complete their weekly Mathematics homework using **Sparx Maths**.

Sparx Maths provides personalised homework tailored to each student's level of understanding and pace of learning. This allows students to consolidate classroom learning, revisit prior knowledge and develop confidence through regular practice.

The first homework will be available from **Thursday 17th September 2026**. Thereafter, homework will be **set each Wednesday and due the following Wednesday**.

All students will have received information and guidance about **Sparx Maths** during their Mathematics lessons from **Wednesday 16th September 2026**.

What is Sparx Maths?

Sparx Maths is an online platform that provides personalised mathematics homework and immediate feedback to students.

Students will:

- Complete homework tailored to their individual learning needs.
- Practise both current and previously taught topics.
- Receive immediate feedback to support learning.
- Access support videos linked to every question.
- Complete workings and calculations on paper. The Mathematics Department can provide paper for any student who requires it.

Homework Expectations

Regular completion of homework is an important part of learning. Research from the Education Endowment Foundation suggests that effective homework can have a positive impact on student progress, particularly in secondary education.

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To support success in Mathematics:

- **100% completion remains our ambition for every student.**
- Students must complete at least 80% of their weekly assignments.
- Students achieving **100% completion** will be recognised through the Academy rewards system.
- Students completing less than **80%** may receive sanctions in line with the Academy Homework Policy.
- Students should aim to start their homework early to allow time to seek support if required.

How Can Parents and Carers Help?

You can support your child by:

- Providing a quiet place to complete homework.
- Encouraging them to start homework early.
- Celebrating effort and completion.
- Checking Sparx emails for updates on homework progress.
- Encouraging independence and use of the support videos before seeking additional help.

Further Information

Parents and carers can find further information about Sparx Maths using the link below:

<https://sparxmaths.com/support/parents>

Support Available

We are committed to supporting all students to be successful.

- Every Sparx question includes a support video.
- Students should speak to their Mathematics teacher if they continue to experience difficulties.
- The Mathematics Department can provide paper for students who require it.
- Year 7 students will receive an introductory session in an IT suite to ensure they can access and use the platform confidently.
- The SEN Team run a computer club in **C1.2 every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday**, which is open to all students who wish to complete homework or access Sparx Maths.

We believe Sparx Maths will play an important role in developing students' mathematical understanding, resilience and confidence. Thank you for your continued support in helping your child establish positive homework habits and achieve success in Mathematics.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Mathematics Department.

Yours faithfully

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