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Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Homework for Years 7, 8 and 9

This letter introduces the homework system for Year 7 parents and carers and serves as a reminder for Year 8 and 9 parents and carers.

We reviewed our homework system at KS3 and made some substantial changes last year. This was to ensure we provide a focused and manageable homework routine for all KS3 students, concentrating on the core subjects of English, Maths, Science and Languages. We have chosen these subjects because they reinforce essential knowledge and skills that support access to other subjects in the curriculum. These four subjects also account for up to 7 GCSEs.

Homework at KS3 is designed in this way to:

- develop study habits and independent learning skills,
- reinforce the most essential knowledge students have learnt in school,
- allow busy parents to have complete clarity over what their child should be doing for their homework, which platform it is on and when it is due.

Below is the homework timetable for all students in Year 7, 8 and 9 showing when homework is set. The timetable runs all year.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week A	English CENTURY	Languages	Maths sparx		
Week B	English CENTURY		Maths sparx		Science CENTURY

Please read the table below for detailed information about the homework model including due dates, location and length of the homework for each subject.

	English	Maths	Science	Languages
When is it set?	Every Monday	Every Wednesday	Week B Friday	Week A Tuesday
When does it need to be done by?	Exactly one week later – the following Monday	Exactly one week later – the following Wednesday	Exactly 2 weeks later	Students will be tested in their first lesson of Week A two weeks later
Where will my child find it?	Assignments will be on **Century Tech** www.century.tech	Assignments will be on **Sparx Maths** Sparx Maths - Home	Assignments will be on **Century Tech** www.century.tech	Assignments will be on **Teams** *Through Office 365*
What will they be asked to do?	Complete the '*nuggets*' of learning that have been assigned.	Complete the assigned maths tasks.	Complete the 8 '*nuggets*' of learning that have been assigned.	Learn the 14 words that are listed on Teams.

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	English	Maths	Science	Languages
How long should it take?	30 minutes per week	30 minutes per week	30 minutes (across 2 weeks)	30 minutes per week
How do they submit their homework?	They complete the online test questions – it saves their answers automatically. There is no other form of submission.	They complete the online questions – it saves their answers automatically. There is no other form of submission.	They complete the online test questions – it saves their answers automatically. There is no other form of submission.	They don't submit anything; they are tested on the words in the lesson two weeks later.
Do they need to complete all the activities in one go?	No – they can space it out across the week	No – they can space it out across the week	No – they can space it out across the 2 weeks	No – they should aim to learn 1-2 words a day.
How will they get feedback?	The questions they complete are self-marking – they can see what they got right and wrong instantly.	The questions they complete are self-marking – they can see what they got right and wrong instantly.	The questions they complete are self-marking – they can see what they got right and wrong instantly.	They will get a score during the lesson based on the word test.
Can my child do **more** than the assigned tasks if they want to?	Yes – they can use the **'Diagnostic'** tool in Century Tech to test themselves on any topic.	Yes - they can use the '**Personal Practice**' function to try more questions based on their homework feedback or an choose their own topic in '**Independent learning'.**	Yes – they can use the **'Diagnostic'** tool in Century Tech to test themselves on any topic.	Yes – they can spend time on **Linguascope**, practising their vocab, grammar and phonics.

Logging in

Students **use the same login details** for all three platforms: Teams, Century Tech and Sparx. They should login using **'Office365'** and use the same login they use to log in to the school computers. If your child has problems logging in to any of these platforms, they should speak to their class teacher in the first instance. We encourage you to watch them login to each platform and get familiar with the style of the homework and support them if needed. Year 7 students will be shown by their teacher in these subjects how to navigate the platform in the coming days.

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In addition, subjects such as Art, Drama, History, Geography etc., will be offering additional **competitions** and **optional homeworks** that students can get involved in should they wish to. We also cannot underestimate the impact of students reading or being read to on their outcomes at GCSE and beyond. The correlation is very strong. We would strongly encourage all students to be reading as much as they can.

Support for homework

If students are struggling with their homework, they have lots of support available to them:

1. **Explainer videos** on Century Tech and Sparx – students can rewatch these videos as many times as they need to help them understand the content.
2. **Class teachers** are available for students to get help from during the week or fortnight before the homework must be completed**.**
3. **KS3 Homework Club** students can get help from a member of staff in our Learning Resources Centre. A homework club specifically for students with special educational needs is already running in the SEND Department.

The existing policy regarding the logging of negatives for non-completion will continue. We expect everyone to try. Conversely, we will identify students who have completed all their homework and really tried hard to receive positives and rewards.

This approach to home learning will help develop your child's independent learning skills leading to greater chances of success and improve your ability to support them and monitor their homework completion.

Kind regards,

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