



Sparx Homework

From the week beginning 18th September 2023, students will be using Sparx to complete their Maths and English homework. Sparx provides a highly personalised weekly homework to students, tailored to their attainment level and working speed.

What is Sparx 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 will 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.

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 knowledge, homework is not marked as complete until **all** 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 Woodham Academy?

- Students who would prefer to complete their homework in school all students are able to access homework club, this is available to students during the following times:
 - Lunchtime 5 days a week from 12:30 – 13:05 in the Learning Centre.
 - After school (Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday) from 15:15 – 16:00 in the Learning Centre.
- We encourage all students to complete their homework in advance of the completion date, by doing this it will allow students to ask their class teacher for help on any questions they are struggling with.

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