

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to express our gratitude for your participation in the Microsoft form survey and your valuable feedback on the Sparx platform. We appreciate your support and involvement in your child's maths learning.

We have carefully analysed the responses from staff, students and parents, and we have decided to make some adjustments to the homework policy at KS3. Starting from September, we are going to trial reducing the expected length of homework in maths from 60 minutes to 30 minutes per week. This is to ensure that students have a balanced and manageable workload, while still maintaining high standards of achievement.

However, we also recognise that some students may wish to challenge themselves further and extend their learning beyond the core homework tasks. Therefore, we encourage them to complete the XP boost and target questions on the Sparx platform, which will reward them with extra merits in class.

We will communicate the details of the rewards and consequences for homework completion to staff and students again in September, alongside more information around how to use Sparx effectively and how to access support. Our focus is on recognising and celebrating the effort that students put into their maths learning, rather than just the outcomes.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support. We look forward to working with you and your child in the next academic year.

Yours sincerely,

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