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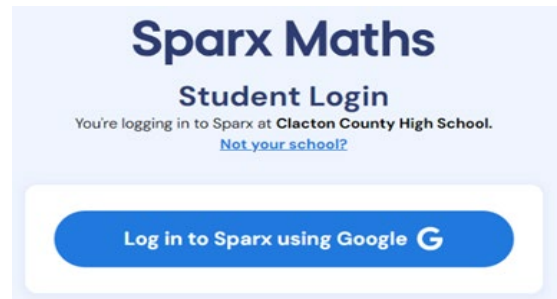
Dear Parent/Guardian,

We're excited to inform you that we will be continuing our partnership with Sparx this year to support your child in completing their weekly homework for English, maths, and science.

Your child's homework will be set on a **Wednesday** and due back the following **Wednesday** for each of the above subjects.

How do students log in?

Year 9 Students will already have the details to access their Sparx Maths and Sparx Reader accounts from last year. They will also be able to access their Science account via their Sparx Maths' platform. Please see our Sparx ['How to' guide](#) on our website for further information on accessing the platforms.



[How to log into Google at home](#)

[How to log in to Sparx](#)

What devices are supported?

Your child can access Sparx on any device that connects to the internet with a web browser.

What can I expect from the homework?

Sparx Reader supports every student to achieve regular independent reading and build good reading habits, which is incredibly important for building vital literacy skills.

Students can choose from a range of eBooks at their appropriate level, and as they read, they'll answer questions to check they're reading carefully and accurately. Careful readers earn points meaning they can track their progress, climb the league table and win some prizes!

Motivated readers who demonstrate consistent, careful reading can unlock a Gold Reader pass. This means they can read any paper book from the library or from home by scanning in its barcode.

Sparx Maths provides personalised homework to each child, with questions that are challenging yet achievable, and tailored to their learning needs.

The majority of homework will be based on topics that have been recently taught but it will also include some questions from previous topics to help reinforce their learning.

Students will get immediate feedback for each question, showing students whether their answer was correct or if they need to have another try.

While maths homework is accessed online, it is predominantly a written homework and students should record their work in their workbooks. Sparx has a “bookwork checks” system to help students form this habit.

Every question in Sparx has a support video attached so that your child can get help independently.

Sparx Science adapts to each student’s ability by adapting tasks based on a student’s response to questions.

Tasks will be based on content that students have covered in lessons but there will also be tasks that link to prior learning to ensure that topics and content is embedded.

How can I support my child with their homework?

Provide a quiet space for your child to focus on their homework each week.

All Sparx homework adapts to a student's ability level, so it’s important that you don’t help too much, e.g. by answering questions for them. This can lead to Sparx giving homework that is not suited to your child, which can lead to students feeling that their homework is too easy or too difficult.

Encourage them to start their homework early so they can get support from their teacher if required before the deadline.

The best way to support your child is by talking to them about what they are learning or what they are reading, what aspects they are enjoying and what aspects they are finding more challenging and why.

Encourage your child to complete all questions as the system will not mark homework as complete until all the compulsory questions have been answered.

How can I monitor my child’s homework?

You are able to keep track of the homework your child is doing by clicking through the link to the Parent Portal in your Sparx Maths weekly homework email.

On the Parent Portal, you can choose to view homework progress for any Sparx learning system your child is using. For Sparx Reader, you can see progress with the current and previous homework, and browse books that your child has been reading as part of their current homework.

What support is available at CCHS to support your child to complete their homework?

- Homework club - Monday to Thursday 3.25-4pm in B12

What happens if my child does not complete their homework?

In the lead-up to the homework deadline, your child will receive a reminder from their class teacher to help them stay on track. If the homework is not completed by the due date, a Proud Point will be deducted in accordance with our behaviour policy.

We hope you agree that Sparx will play an exciting and important role in growing your child's understanding, success and confidence in English, maths and science. We are also confident that by setting clear expectations and deadlines for the completion of homework, it will support your child to create regular home learning patterns which will help prepare them to revise prior to assessment weeks in KS3 and GCSE revision during KS4.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher who will be able to offer guidance and support.

Yours faithfully

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Mrs L Ellis
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