



THE AVON VALLEY SCHOOL & PERFORMING ARTS COLLEGE

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Following a successful launch of Sparx Maths homework with Year 7, we are pleased to share that we will be extending Sparx Maths to Year 8 and Year 9. Starting in the new term, Sparx will replace the existing paper-based homework for these year groups, operating in the same way as it currently does with Year 7. All students will receive an introductory lesson in the first week back after Christmas, with the first Sparx homework being issued in the first week, and due in the second week.

What is Sparx Maths?

Sparx Maths is an innovative online platform that provides personalised maths homework matched to each student's level of understanding, helping them make excellent progress at a pace that suits them. Students receive instant feedback, allowing them to learn from mistakes immediately and build confidence over time.

Why are we using Sparx Maths for homework?

We have been encouraged by how well students have responded to Sparx during trials, and we believe expanding its use will benefit our learners further.

Sparx will support in the following ways:

For students:

- Tailored questions that adapt to understanding
- Regular retrieval practice and curriculum consolidation that strengthens knowledge and boosts confidence
- Improved long-term progress through consistent engagement

For teachers:

- Insight into student progress and areas needing support
- Reduced marking time, allowing focus on teaching and intervention

For parents:

- Weekly progress emails to help monitor homework completion
- Clear visibility of how your child is getting on

Overall, Sparx helps us build a consistent, effective homework system that supports progress across the school while improving communication with home.

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Homework expectations for Year 8 & Year 9

- Sparx Maths will now form the weekly homework for all Year 8 and Year 9 students, replacing paper-based tasks
- Sparx homework will automatically be issued every Wednesday at 3pm, and will be due the following Wednesday at 9am
- Students are expected to complete their assigned Sparx homework each week
- Tasks are personalised, and the platform tracks completion automatically

Access and support

We understand that accessing online homework may not always be straightforward for some students. To support this, we will continue to offer homework and revision clubs where students can complete Sparx work using school devices, with staff available to assist.

Why you may receive Sparx emails

Parents/carers will receive automated weekly updates on homework progress. Contact details are shared securely with Sparx for this purpose, in line with GDPR. Data is stored safely and removed once students are no longer active users of the platform.

We encourage you to support your child by reviewing Sparx updates and helping them build strong study habits. If you have any questions about the platform or how it will be used, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully,

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