

Year 7 Settling in Evening Question and Response Sheet

Question	Response
The first impressions card mentions achievement points if you weeks clear of no ticks, but we have not seen these come through on the SIMS app.	Thank you for raising this with us. This is something we will be introducing after the half term holidays.
When will the children get new First Impression Cards?	After each half term, students receive a new first impressions card.
Does their card (that they keep in their pocket) last a term or for the year?	Students receive a new card each half term.
When they are set in their streams (after half term) is this their new tutor group?	The students will have a morning tutor and an afternoon (DEAR) tutor. The morning tutor time will be with their stream and their afternoon (DEAR) tutor will be with their current tutor group.
Will they be changing tutor groups after half term or just being streamed for some lessons?	As above – students will be with their streams for morning tutor, period 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. They will be with their current tutor and tutor group for DEAR.
Can you clarify once streamed will the children be in one class or moving?	They will have two classes. Their stream and their tutor group. Students will be with their streams for morning tutor, period 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. They will be with their current tutor and tutor group for DEAR.
Once the children are streamed, will they be aware which ability group they are placed within?	Yes – students received their reports on Thursday which shows their stream. There are 8 streams in the girl's school and 5 streams in the boy's school.
How will streaming the classes work with bubbles?	Year 7 will remain in their same bubble and location of the school.
Can you confirm then that there definitely is not any homework across all subjects please?	<p>The only homework students receive in Y7 is self-quizzing, reading and Sparx.</p> <p>Students will need to complete their Thursday and Friday Self Quizzing homework. This will be checked on Monday 2nd November. There is no reading homework. Sparx homework will be set but students do not need to complete this over the holiday as they have until Thursday 5th November to complete this.</p>
Can you do the optional SPARX homework retrospectively?	Not at the moment. This is something we are looking into with Sparx.

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Where can I find the Sims app again please?	Please email our data team datahelpdesk@avonbourneacademy.org.uk for further information.
Will we be able to move around the school soon to different lessons?	This is sadly not currently possible due to bubbles.
Please can you confirm if the toilet breaks have been removed from the afternoon so pupils last opportunity to use the toilet is during lunch?	Students are asked to use the toilet before school, at break time and lunch time. Our lunch period is from 1:15-1:45 and students have DEAR and period 5 after lunch before leaving at 3:10 pm.
My child has been doing her sparks homework for much longer then requested. Can you explain this to me?	Students need to complete both the compulsory and target SPARX tasks each week. We set 90 minutes of homework each evening. 30 minutes of this is for Maths. Students therefore have 2 hours and 30 minutes for their SPARX tasks. If your child is taking longer than this please do get in touch with us so we can support.
Please could you explain why there is not a tiered approach to the sanctions? Shorter sanctions for less disruptive behaviour or first time a pupil forget something.	There are tiered sanctions to homework – 30 / 60 /90 mins depending on completion / effort levels. A tiered approach to 1 st impressions cards includes 2 benefits of doubt with no sanction before a detention is set on the 3 rd . Disruptive behaviour is binary – if it has interrupted the lesson then it is a disruption. Warnings (verbal and written given) to allow student to correct behaviour, before being sanctioned for a repeat offence Disruption warnings are reset every lesson of the day.
Can you explain the theory behind a child being sanctioned for a mistake/forgetting an element of their homework and being sat in a room where a child has been given the same level of sanction for disrespectful behaviour?	This is not the case. A homework detention sanction is separate from a behaviour sanction and these are not sat together. Where students have forgotten items of equipment/uniform this is a tick on the first impressions card.