Autumn 2 Home Learning Letter

Dear Year 8 Parents and Carers,

It has been great to see our Year 8 students engaging enthusiastically with home learning over the last half term.

Home learning is an important part of the Avonbourne curriculum, supporting pupils to become successful scholars by strengthening knowledge, fostering independence and reinforcing long-term learning habits through regular retrieval practice that helps them revisit, remember and apply what they have learned in lessons.

This letter is a reminder of, and gives updates to, our home learning expectations for Year 8.

Home learning Schedule

Week A

Day	Subject	Online Platform	Approximate time needed to complete
Monday	English	SPARX Reader	1 hour
Tuesday	Maths	SPARX Maths	1 hour
Wednesday	Science	SPARX Science	1 hour
Thursday	History	Homework Booklet	1 hour
Friday	MFL	Language Nut	1 hour

Week B

Day	Subject	Online Platform	Approximate time needed to complete
Monday	English	SPARX Reader	1 hour
Tuesday	Maths	SPARX Maths	1 hour
Wednesday	Science	SPARX Science	1 hour
Thursday	Geography	Self-Quizzing using Knowledge Organiser	1 hour
Friday	RS	Self-Quizzing using Knowledge Organiser	1 hour

Online Platform Support

Links to the platforms, together with guidance on how and why we use them, can be found on the academy website: Homework | Curriculum | Avonbourne

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Students access Sparx Reader, Sparx Maths and Sparx Science using the following steps:

- **Sign in by clicking the 'using Microsoft' button:**



- **Username:** School email address
- **Password:** Set by the student in school

Login Links:

- Sparx Reader
- Sparx Maths
- Sparx Science
- Languagenut

Parent guides:

- **Sparx Reader - A parent's guide to Sparx Reader**
- **Sparx Maths - A parent's guide to Sparx Maths**
- **Sparx Science - A parent's guide to Sparx Science**

In-school support:
Students will be able to access home learning support every lunchtime in AU13. Every session is run by a subject specialist who can offer individual support.

Rewards and Sanctions
If students do not complete home learning tasks by the deadline they may receive an after-school detention. The length and timing of the detention will be communicated with you via email.

As a reward for on-time, successful, completion of home learning tasks students will receive **REACH points.** In addition, there will be a chance to win prizes throughout the term and students will have the ability to win raffle tickets for the whole school prize draws if they have 100% completion in any subject.

A Reminder of Expectations and Home Support:
Students are expected to:

- Use the Year 8 homework grid to keep track of upcoming homework and stay organised. Homework grids can be found here: Homework | Curriculum | Avonbourne

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- Ensure that all work completed is the result of their own thinking and represents their best effort.
- Submit all home learning by the stated deadline.
- Seek support from their teacher at least 24hours before the deadline if they are unsure about a task.
- Attend home learning club at lunchtime in AU13 if unable to complete at home.

How Parents and Carers Can Help

Parents and carers can support their child by:

- Providing a quiet space for home learning to take place in.
- Using the homework grid to track completion each week. We recommend displaying the grid at home and ticking off each task as it is completed.
- Talk to your child regularly about their learning in and out of school. This can be as simple as asking, "Can you tell me something you have learned in Science this week?"
- Providing support where possible or communicating any concerns to your child's tutor or class teacher.

Celebrating Learning at Home

We know that learning often happens in lots of different ways beyond the school day, and we would love to hear about it. If your child takes part in any additional academic activities that support their learning or help them develop new skills and interests, please let us know. Whether it's reading, educational visits, online learning, or a personal passion, we'd be delighted to celebrate and recognise their achievements.

Thank you for working with us so that we can help every student develop the knowledge, independence and scholarship needed to thrive at Avonbourne and beyond.

If you have any questions regarding home learning expectations, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully,

Hannah Devonshire
Assistant Principal

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