

Sparx Homework

Sparx is an intuitive technology that delivers a bespoke 1 hour maths homework each week for your child. There are videos available for support for all questions and your child's mathematical skills will be enhanced by Sparx.

There are a few things you can do to support your child:

- 1) **Do not help them.** This may seem counter intuitive however, Sparx learns from the student's mistakes and how long they take on the questions, therefore if you help them answer, Sparx will pitch the work in the wrong place. This in turn will create an endless cycle of questions that are too hard and therefore require more help.
- 2) **Check their bookwork.** Sparx must be written down in their Knowledge Organiser as it asks students for previous answers to ensure they have been writing it down. Encourage your child to write workings and answers and to mark their work. An example can be found in their Knowledge Organiser.
- 3) **Support the school.** Sparx is not complete until the student answers every question correctly. If a Sparx homework is not complete, the student will be in afterschool detention to complete it. Please help your child progress by supporting this procedure.

Sparx Timeline

Friday 9am	Homework 1 goes 'Live' on Sparx
Friday after school	Dedicated Homework night for Sparx
Following Friday 8am	Deadline for Completion of Homework 1.
Following Friday after school	Compulsory Sparx Detention for students with incomplete homework.
Following Friday 9am	Homework 2 goes 'Live' on Sparx

Frequently Asked Questions

- 1) **Why is my child getting a detention for not completing their SparX Homework?**
We want students at Isca to always hit their deadlines. We give out the homework in time for students to complete it at the weekend if they wish. Any student who has not completed their homework by Friday at 8am will be in Sparx detention.
- 2) **My child says they haven't done these questions in lessons.**
Sparx is aligned to our schemes of learning. It also brings back questions from past lessons, terms and years to ensure mathematical fluency. If your child is struggling, encourage them to watch the video and make notes. If they are really stuck, their maths teacher will be happy to help them next day.