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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Science Homework

This year, the Faculty of Science will set homework on Sparx Science, a new online platform. Sparx Science is similar to Sparx Maths, which students are used to using for their homework. The system is designed to set personalised homework for each student.

How often will homework be set?

Homework will be assigned every Monday and is due within a week. It will take about 15 minutes to complete. Homework will not be recorded on Arbor; instead, students will note it in their planners.

How does Sparx work?

Each week, topics have been set by the Science teachers, based on topics students have recently learnt about during lessons. There will also be some 'consolidation' questions, on topics that students might have learnt some time ago, to recall and practise past knowledge.

If a student gets a question wrong, the platform will guide them to the correct answers, by providing information and helpful hints. Therefore, students must have completed 100% of the questions for their homework to be 'complete' for the week. Sparx also adjusts the level of questions given to students depending on how many and the type of questions each student gets right or wrong.

How does my child access Sparx Science?

Students can automatically access Sparx via single sign-on through their school account. If using a personal device, please [click here](#).

How can I support my child with their homework?

Please ensure your child completes their homework weekly. Sparx will guide them if they encounter difficulties. If you have any questions or queries, feel to email us: alexander.windows@hartschool.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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