



NEWSTEAD WOOD SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 8 – Use of Sparx Science for Homework

I am writing to inform you that from Monday 4 November, we are going to start using the new science homework platform, Sparx Science, to set homework for Year 8 students. We will be asking students to complete 90 minutes of science homework each week, except during the no homework weeks at the end of each term. The platform will combine questions related to biology, chemistry and physics, and so for this reason we will be setting one longer homework assignment for the whole week, rather than 30 minutes per subject.

Your daughter will have the homework set on Tuesday mornings from 7am and it will be due for completion by the end of the day on the following Monday.

How do they log in?

- Students log in to [Sparx Science - Home](#). They will need to find the school's name and log in using their Sparx Maths details.

What devices are supported?

- Your child can access Sparx Science on any device that connects to the internet with a web browser.

How can I support my daughter with their homework?

- Sparx Science adapts to each student's ability level, so it's important that you **don't** help too much, e.g. by answering questions for them. This can lead to Sparx giving homework that is too long or hard in future.
- It is recommended that students answer each question themselves, and you can give help if they are stuck with the support and follow-up questions.
- You can also help to provide a quiet space for your daughter to focus on their homework each week.

How can I monitor my daughter's homework?

- You are able to keep track of the homework your daughter is doing by clicking through the link to the Parent Portal in the weekly email you receive for Sparx Maths.
- On the Parent Portal, you can choose to view homework progress for any Sparx learning system your daughter is using.

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What support is available at school?

- Should your daughter need access to a computer for completion of this work, access is available in the library at lunchtime and after school.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or your daughter's science teachers.

Yours sincerely

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