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# Homework



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# Purpose of This Presentation

- Overview of how homework works at Budmouth
- How Sparx and Google Classroom support independent study
- What students should complete each week
- How we respond to parent/carer feedback
- How we support students who get stuck

# How Homework Works at Budmouth

- **All homework is now set on Google Classroom** (so parents can clearly see deadlines, instructions and reminders)
- **KS3 and KS4:** Sparx Reader, Sparx Maths and Sparx Science each week (approx. 60 mins each)
- **KS4 also complete 30 minutes of subject-specific deliberate practice per subject every fortnight**  
Students complete homework flexibly across the week  
Teachers monitor completion and follow up early to support students

# We Are Listening to Feedback and Strengthening Our Homework Approach Together

| Concern Raised by Parents/Students               | What We Are Doing in Response   |
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| Sparx Science questions unclear or too difficult | Logging issues, reporting to Sparx, reviewing difficulty, supporting individual students    |
| Technical or marking issues                      | Collating issues and working with Sparx for fixes   |
| Preference for Google Classroom                  | All homework now set on Google Classroom so families can see tasks, reminders and deadlines |
| Students struggling but not asking for help      | Reinforcing early communication; tutors/teachers supporting quickly                         |
| Worries about workload or deadlines              | Students reminded to use and share the homework timetable in the Guide                      |

# Accessing Homework: Google Classroom

- Homework appears in the Classwork tab
- Students receive automatic reminders
- Parents/carers can view instructions, deadlines and links
- Sparx tasks appear clearly within weekly posts

# What Students Do on Each Sparx Platform

| Sparx Reader                | Sparx Maths                       | Sparx Science                             |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| Read the assigned text      | Work questions out on paper first | Read information cards carefully          |
| Answer on-screen questions  | Enter answers on Sparx            | Follow the guided steps                   |
| Submit the task             | Use hints/videos if needed        | Use "I don't know" for scaffolded support |
| Check it shows as completed | Submit and check for completion   | Submit and check for completion           |

# When Students Get Stuck

- If still stuck after using the help videos or the “I don’t know” scaffolded support , tell their teacher
- We will support them and work to resolve the issue quickly

# Good Homework Habits

- Complete homework in short, focused sessions across the week
- Use Google Classroom to check what is due
- Find a calm, tidy space if possible
- Aim to finish tasks before the deadline, not on the day

# Using the Homework Timetable

- Included in the **Effective Revision & Independent Study (Homework) Guide**
- Students reminded to use and share it at home
- Helps families know what is due and when
- Supports routines and reduces last-minute stress

# Frequently Asked Questions

## **What if the homework is taking too long?**

It should take around 60 minutes per subject per week. If it's consistently longer, contact the teacher.

## **What if my child finds the work too hard?**

They should use the hints and videos first. If still stuck, they should tell their teacher.

## **What if we don't have a device at home?**

Students can attend Homework Club after school in the RC from 3-5pm, where they have access to devices and staff support.

## **What if my child misses homework?**

Genuine issues won't be sanctioned if the teacher is informed. The full system begins January 2026.

## **How can we support at home?**

Check Google Classroom together, encourage short sessions in a suitable space and praise consistent effort.

# Support Resources (Videos & Guides)

| Sparx Reader                             | Sparx Maths                                     | Sparx Science   |
|--|---|---|
| <a href="#"><u>Example questions</u></a> | <a href="#"><u>Sparx Maths introduction</u></a> | <a href="#"><u>Student experience demonstration</u></a> |
| <a href="#"><u>How students read</u></a> | <a href="#"><u>Homework demonstration</u></a>   |   |