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Dear Parent/Carer,

As a Maths department, we are introducing a new online system called "Sparx Maths." Previously, your child may have used Hegarty Maths to support them with their revision and occasionally may have received extended learning on this. Hegarty Maths has now closed down and students will no longer be able to access this site. Sparx Maths is an adaptive resource, which alters the student's working levels based on their previous responses to questions. For example, if a student is finding their work too difficult which would be recognised through incorrect answers or a longer than average time taken to answer the question, the system will automatically reduce the difficulty level or number of questions given in each extended learning. Consequently, each piece of extended learning will be tailored to the individual student. Please note it will take multiple uses before the system gleans sufficient information to accurately assess the appropriate level for students.

Sparx Maths may be used in years 7-10 for extended learning. All year groups including Year 11 will be able to use Sparx Maths for independent learning.

Students will be introduced to the system in their Maths lessons and extended learning may be set from Wednesday 20th September (27th September for Year 7 only). If students get extended learning on Sparx it will be set on Wednesday and students will have one week to complete this. As extended learning is adaptive to the student's individual needs, students need to complete 100% of their extended learning. Students will receive 10 minutes of extended learning per lesson each week. For example, if your child is in Year 7, they have four maths lessons a week so will have 40 minutes extended learning set each week. Sparx Maths is a system that tailors extended learning to your child's specific level therefore it is important to avoid over supporting students in their extended learning. Once they have attempted the question and answered it several times incorrectly, the system will say, "seek help," this is where students can receive support without a correct answer impacting the student's algorithm. In addition to this, the Academy has also produced a document that links the course for every year group to relevant clips on Sparx such to facilitate revision for assessments or if a child is not at school.

The links below are relevant for each year group and tier

[YEAR 7](#)

[YEAR 8](#)

[YEAR 9 FOUNDATION](#)

[YEAR 9 HIGHER](#)

[YEAR 10 FOUNDATION](#)

[YEAR 10 HIGHER](#)

[YEAR 11 FOUNDATION](#)

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The provision of these links will also enable students to review work from previous years and this will be particularly useful to year 11 for revision.

Sparx Maths is accessible on both mobile phones and chromebooks. For students who do not have access to the internet at home, or cannot access a device to complete the extended learning on, the maths department will be running a Sparx club every Friday lunchtime where there will be at least one maths teacher in the library with computers. Students can also ask the librarian if they can use the computers any lunchtime if they do not need any support from a Maths teacher. Additionally, I&A run an extended learning club after school every day with access to computers.

Please find below a guide on how to access Sparx.

Yours Faithfully,

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Head of Mathematics



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Logging into Sparx Maths

Go to www.sparxmaths.uk/

Select > Student

In the 'Start typing your school's name' box type 'Harris Chu' which should bring up our school (see below)

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Click on the link for Harris Church of England Academy to select it

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Student Login

Select your school
Start typing the name of your school to begin searching.

Harris Church of England Academy

Continue

The first time you log in, log in as a New Sparx User. Click the link below the Student Login box shown below:

Sparx Maths
Student Login

You're logging in to Sparx at Harris Church of England Academy.
[Not your school?](#)

Log in to Sparx using Google

or

Use your Sparx login

Username:

Password:
 [Show](#)

[Forgotten Sparx login details?](#) [Log in](#)

[New Sparx user?](#)

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On the next 'Create your account' screen, enter your first name and last name, as it appears on the register and your date of birth.

Sparx Maths

Create your account

Fill in your details below to create your account

Your first name:

Your last name:

Your date of birth:

Submit

Make a note of the USERNAME Sparx Maths gives you and create a password, make a note of this too.

Subsequent times you login to Sparx Maths you can opt to use Google:

Log in to Sparx using Google 



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