

HOMEWORK: The What, Why & How

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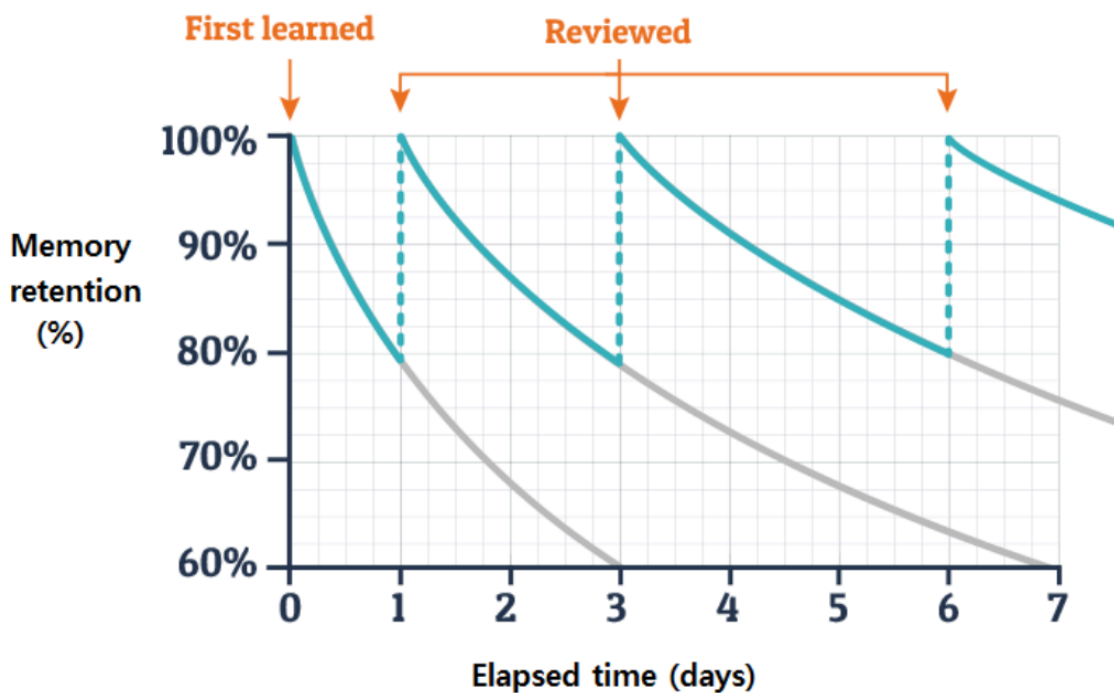
Independent practice at home for all Y7-11 students in core subjects - English, Maths & Science. In Y10 and Y11 students also receive homework in options subjects.

Why

At Barnwood Park High School, homework supports the curriculum and is designed to build students' long-term memory and knowledge networks.



Long-term memory has infinite capacity but students must frequently retrieve information to prevent forgetting.



Our online homework platforms focus entirely on retrieving and embedding information already taught in class, rather than introducing new material.

Good homework consolidates learning, strengthens mental models and improves independence, resilience, self discipline and study skills.

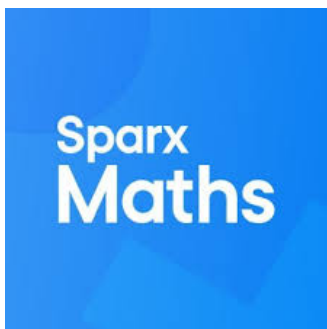
How

In Y7-9 students receive 30 minutes of homework in English, Maths & Science on the online learning platforms shown below.

English



Maths



Science



In Y10 -Y11 students receive 45 minutes of homework in English, Maths and Science plus additional homework set by their options block teachers.

The homework timetable for all year groups is shown below:

Day Due	Year group	Subjects	Format
Monday	All students	English	Sparx Reader (For Y7-9) or Seneca (For Y10 & 11)
	*Y10 & Y11 only	<i>Option A</i>	<i>Set by options teacher</i>
Tuesday	All students	Maths	Sparx Maths
	*Y10 & Y11 only	<i>Option B</i>	<i>Set by options teacher</i>
Wednesday	All students	Science	Sparx Science
	*Y10 & Y11 only	<i>Option C</i>	<i>Set by options teacher</i>
Thursday	*Y10 & Y11 only	<i>Option D</i>	<i>Set by options teacher</i>

If students miss a homework deadline they will be invited to attend 45 minutes of **Compulsory After School Homework Club** the following day. Students who do not attend will be referred to our Alternative Provision (AP) unit for 1 full day.

			
Day	Subject due	Consequence?	Missed HW club?
Monday	English (+ <i>Option A for Y10 & 11</i>)	Compulsory After School HW Club on Tuesday	Day in AP
Tuesday	Maths (+ <i>Option B for Y10 & 11</i>)	Compulsory After School HW Club on Wednesday	
Wednesday	Science (+ <i>Option C for Y10 & 11</i>)	Compulsory After School HW Club on Thursday	
Thursday	<i>Option D for Y10 & 11 only</i>	Compulsory After School HW Club on Friday	

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q: How do I log into Sparx?

A: All Sparx platforms(as well as Seneca & Google classrooms) are linked to the students' school Google Account and can be accessed by signing in with the same login they use at school.

Q: Why is homework only set in English, Maths, and Science at KS3?

A: These core subjects build a strong foundation for all other learning. Focusing on them means students only have to use a few online platforms instead of managing lots of different websites or loose papers. There will also be optional project based homework in non-core subjects throughout the year.

Q: Why do you only set 30mins per subject (45 mins for KS4)?

A: Evidence suggests that little and often is the most beneficial approach to at home learning.

Q: Why is all the homework online?

A: Online work cannot get lost, and students can log in from any device, anywhere. It also uses Sparx, which automatically changes the questions to match your child's learning level. If your child has no internet or computer at home, they can use the school's computers at Homework Club.

Q: What should I do if I have a query about homework?

A: Please contact the class teacher for that subject.