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A guide to our online platforms.





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How to use Sparx Maths

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What exactly is Sparx Maths Homework?

- Sparx homework is tailored to your child, and should offer them just the right level of challenge, based on the topics that their teacher has set.
- Homework contains 3 elements: Compulsory, Optional and Target.
- All questions in the Compulsory section must be answered correctly for the homework to be marked as complete.
- Each task bar will show as green when fully complete. For the homework to be classed as complete, all task bars for that homework need to be fully green. The percentage of homework complete will show on the menu page:

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- Optional questions are at a similar level to Compulsory, and offer extra practice.
- Target questions have been designed to challenge your child. You will receive a link to a video in your parent email each week, to help you offer them support and encouragement with their Target homework

If a student receives too much assistance with their homework, Sparx may think they're able to tackle more difficult questions and their work could get harder. To prevent this, always encourage them to attempt the question first and to watch the support video before getting help.

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Why are there bookwork checks, and how do they work?

We believe that a good standard of bookwork is very important in helping students to embed good practice, and to help them and their teachers to keep track of any misconceptions.

- In Sparx, every question is accompanied by a 'bookwork code'.
- Your child should write this down, and then write their workings and answer next to the code.
- When they are asked for the answer they gave for a particular bookwork code, they need to give the exact answer they wrote down, even if it was wrong.
- Here's an example of good bookwork; as you can see all workings and wrong answers have been recorded:



- If a student fails a bookwork check in Sparx, they will need to re-do the question, even if they originally gave the correct answer. This is to encourage them to record their workings.
- The more bookwork checks your child gets correct, the fewer they'll see.

How can I support my child when they're stuck?

- Even if your child thinks they will answer incorrectly, they should make the first attempt on a question without assistance. This will enable the teacher to see what they are working on, and also helps Sparx and School correctly determine their level.
- Each question is accompanied by a help video. Watching the video with your child is a great way to support and encourage them with the question.
- If your child gets a question wrong three times, Sparx will suggest they seek help.
- The teacher will also be notified that they need help with this particular question.
- You can also contact the child's teacher for help using the school's normal communication channels.
- To help the teacher, we recommend supporting your child in writing down their workings clearly in their book. You can share this with the teacher to help them identify the problem.
- Parents whose children have been set Compulsory homework will receive a weekly email from Sparx, which includes an update on how much homework their child has completed as well as any they have outstanding from the previous few weeks. Most importantly, the email contains a link to a short video that parents can watch and use to help support their child in answering one of their Target questions.

What happens if my child can't complete their work?

• If for some reason they cannot complete the work that has been set, you, or your child should contact their teacher and seek further advice.

How can I check on my child's progress?

• Sparx provides teachers with data to help them make informed decisions on student progress. We believe that the teacher is the expert on your child's progress in Maths, and therefore encourage you to get in touch with them if you would like an update.

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What is XP?

- Sparx XP or 'Experience Points' is an effort based points system that schools can use to support and inform their own reward schemes.
- Students earn XP when they complete a task or win a reward game.
- Tasks from different homework types earn different numbers of points, for example students can earn more XP if they complete Optional and Target homework tasks compared with Compulsory ones.
- In lessons, all tasks are rewarded the same level of XP.
- Students go up a Sparx level for every 10,000 XP they collect. They can be encouraged to increase their number of XP by completing all of their Optional and Target homework.

Questions with extended written answers

- Some questions in Sparx can not be entered online, but should instead be written down for the teacher to check.
- Sparx will prompt the student to answer 'I have done this' for these questions, and teachers may follow up with them later.

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Select your school

Start typing the name of your school to begin searching.

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4. The reading test / homework will be at the top

(where it says 'current task' on the screenshot below)

Homework will be set on a Friday at 3pm and is due in on th in Friday.

Getting Help

If you have any further questions or concerns, please

contact Miss aith ait

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Sparx Science - Student Guide

Weekly homework designed to help you learn, grow and achieve success in science

Based on the topics covered in class

Questions at the right level for you

Support when you get stuck

Completing homework

When you get a question wrong, we'll give you some information to help you learn

Completing homework

You then need to answer a follow-up question to check you understand

Completing homework

You need to answer each question correctly to complete your homework

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What is Seneca Learning?

- Seneca's online platform can be thought of as an effective & engaging interactive revision guide.
- Summaries, notes, videos and lots of different types of practice questions will all be found on Seneca.
- The system is also completely adaptive so your child's learning experience will be tailored to suit their needs.
- Seneca helps increase the efficiency of learning for everyone between the ages 8-18. We cover loads of different subjects at KS3
- Seneca courses have been written by senior examiners at the major exam boards and updated over time to make sure they perfectly match your child's exam board specifications.

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How can I help my child get the most out of Seneca Learning?

As well as students and teachers, 15,000 parents are now using Seneca to monitor their child's progress at school. As a parent, you can easily connect to your child's account by sharing your unique link with them. This will allow you to get real-time updates of their progress across all those courses, including the following stats:

- Time spent learning
- Average score
- Sessions completed
- **Correct answers**
- You can filter by date to see how things are changing over time and can even add multiple children if you like.

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How often should my child use Seneca?

- Repeating topics over a long period of time improves memory & understanding, so we recommend using Seneca as much as possible throughout the year.
- During term time, using Seneca whenever they want to In the run up to important exams, like GCSEs, students learn or practice something new is also a good idea. should use Seneca more often, perhaps every day.

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Step 2 –Help your child join their teacher's

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- Your teacher may have given your child a code to join their class.
- Tell you child to click on "Classes & Assignments" - You'll find this in the top menu.
- Then click on "Join Class" It's the button in the top right corner.
- Then type in the code from the teacher - *If your child received a link instead, then open the link.*

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Step 3 –Help your child view their assignments

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To view them tell your child to go to 'Your Courses' and click on the one you want to complete. ک.

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Step 4 – Help your child complete their assignments

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- Tell your child to click onto the assignment and then start to complete the sections that their teacher has assigned.
- Then to start learning they need to click 'Start Learning'.
- Then they can start answering the questions!

Step 6 – Connect your parent account to your child's account and monitor progress

Step 1

Create a parent account (if you haven't already!)

Step 2

Click "Invite child".

Step 3

- Copy the link
- You can share this link with your children in any way that is convenient.

Step 7 – Connect your parent account to your child's account and monitor progress

Step 4

Ask your child to click the link!

Once one or more of your children clicks on the link you will be able to start tracking their progress.

- Note that they will have to be logged into their student accounts when they click on the link for this to work.
- You can now monitor your child's progress in the 'overview' section.

Step 8 –Track the progress of multiple children on Seneca

Step 1

 If you haven't already done so, connect your account with your children's accounts following the steps outlined previously.

Step 2

 Once you have have linked your account to your children's accounts, you can switch between them using the dropdown.

Step 9– How can I / my child use Seneca?

If you have an Android device

- Visit the Google Play Store
- Download the app.

If you have an Apple device

- phone or tablet *in the Safari browser* and press Navigate to app.senecalearning.com on your the menu button at the bottom of the page
- 2. Find "Add to homescreen" in the menu and click on it. You might have to scroll the menu.
- Click "Add" on the menu that comes up

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any of your personal details, 1. In case you'd like to change then head over to the right upper corner and click on your name.

- below screen in which you can change your personal settings settings, which will open the 2. Here's an option to select and password.
- 3. It is the same process if your child needs to change their password.

We are using the Free Student Portal and Student App.

We've chosen Arbor to help us manage our school.

Arbor is a simple, smart and cloud-based MIS (Management Information System), which helps us work faster, smarter and more collaboratively as a school. The **Student** App and **Student** Portal mean we can keep you informed about life at school in a much more accessible way. Log into Arbor to see and your information, get live updates on the go!

The **Student** Portal works on Google Chrome (computer or laptop) and you can download the **Student** App from the App Store or Google Play Store on your phone (Android 5.0; iOS 10.0 and upwards).

How to get started

- 1. Wait for your welcome email from us telling you Arbor is ready you won't be able to log in before
- 2. Click the link in your welcome email to set up your password
- 3. Go to the App or Google Play Store on your phone and search 'Arbor'
- 4. Click 'Install' on Android or 'Get' on iPhone then open the App
- 5. Enter your email, select the school, then enter your password
- 6. Accept the Terms & Conditions

Need help using Arbor?

Please speak to a member of the Admin Team.

Some tips to try:

- Ensure your username is your school email address. Ask us to check the email address linked to your account.
- 2. Reset your password from the login page, or ask us to do this.
- If the login email was sent to you more than 96 hours ago, the password link will have expired. Ask us to send it again.

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