



# Bottisham Village College

Achievement through Inspiring, Caring, Enriching

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Dear Parent/Carer

## Sparx Science

| Summary of Actions | Deadline |
|--------------------|----------|
| For Information.   | N/A      |

Following last year's introduction of Sparx Science, our students have answered 1,115,845 questions correctly and showed a 93% improvement with flashcards. This has resulted in more than 10,000 hours of personalised science practice completed! The feedback has also been extremely positive with students finding it an excellent way to help with their fact recall.

This year, we will be using it to complete weekly homework from Wednesday 9 September and so we are sending you this letter to remind you how Sparx Science works and how you can support your child in completing it.

### What is Sparx Science?

- Sparx Science provides personalised homework that promotes deep thinking about scientific knowledge to aid retention and recall, as well as providing tailored support to help every student get the correct answer.
- It works on the same platform as Sparx Maths and Sparx Reader and students can easily switch between the three.
- Teachers will set topics recently covered in class which will make up the majority of a student's homework, but it will also include some questions from previous topics to help reinforce their learning.
- Sometimes science questions may challenge students, however where this is the case Sparx provides unique support to fill knowledge gaps or guide them through application of scientific ideas.
- Over time, the questions will be adapted to suit each student uniquely and provide the appropriate level of challenge.
- Students log in at [app.sparx-learning.com](http://app.sparx-learning.com). They will need to find their school and log in using their Sparx Maths details. Your child can access Sparx Science on any device that connects to the internet with a web browser.
- If you would like more information, please visit: <https://sparxscience.com/parents/>

### What are our expectations for Sparx Science?

- **Your child's homework will be set weekly on Wednesdays and is due the following Tuesday. We expect all students to complete 100% of the work set.**
- Although the work is set weekly, the total time that needs to be spent on it will be the same as if homework was being set lesson by lesson.



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- If they are struggling or have an IT problem, our expectation is that students contact their teacher in advance of the deadline. This could simply be an email with a screenshot showing the problem.
- If they have not completed 100% of the work and have not asked for help, a restorative will be issued.

## **How can you help your child with their homework?**

- Provide a quiet space for your child to focus on their homework, minimising distractions where possible.
- Encourage your child to start their homework early so they can get support before the deadline if they are stuck.
- Sparx Science will automatically adjust the level of questions based on your child's answers, please try not to answer the questions for them, instead ensure they are carefully reading the support and using this information to answer the questions.
- You are able to keep track of the homework your child is doing by clicking through the link to the Parent Portal in your Sparx Learning weekly homework email.

## **What support is available at Bottisham Village College?**

- Students are encouraged to contact their teacher before the homework deadline if they have technical problems or are struggling to complete the work.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

**Mrs H Goodwin**  
**Head of Science**