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Dear Parents and Carers

Subject: Homework update

Through parent and pupil voice, we thank you for sharing your thoughts and suggestions around homework processes at George Eliot Academy. We have listened carefully to both parents and pupils and have consolidated our homework process to make it more focused, purposeful, and manageable.

From 5th January 2026, **compulsory homework will only be set in Maths, Science, and English**. These tasks will be delivered through the **Sparx platform**, which provides structured, high-quality learning opportunities tailored to each pupil's needs. For each Year group, compulsory homework will look like the below:

- Year 7 – Sparx for Maths, Science and English
- Year 8 – Sparx for Maths, Science and English
- Year 9 – Sparx for Maths, Science and English
- Year 10 – Sparx for Maths and Science / Sparx and Seneca for English
- Year 11 - Sparx for Maths and Science / Seneca and bespoke revision for English

For all other subjects, teachers will offer **optional home learning opportunities**. While these will not be compulsory, pupils who complete them will receive recognition and merits for their effort and commitment.

Why is homework important?

Homework plays a vital role in reinforcing classroom learning, developing independent study skills, and building resilience. It helps pupils:

- Consolidate and deepen their understanding of key concepts.
- Practice and apply knowledge in different contexts.
- Prepare for assessments and future learning.
- Develop habits of self-discipline and time management that are essential for success beyond school.

How Parents Can Support:

- **Encourage Participation:** Show interest in what your child is learning and celebrate their progress.
- **Provide a Positive Environment:** Create a quiet space for practice and avoid distractions.
- **Ask Questions:** Engage with your child about what they've learned to reinforce understanding.
- **Offer Resources:** Share books, videos, or tools that complement the program.
- **Communicate with Teachers:** Stay in touch for updates and guidance.



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How school can support:

- Computer rooms L115 and L002 are open each Break 2 for pupils to attend and complete Sparx homework.
- After school homework clubs are available every day in computer rooms L115 / L001.
- English, Maths and Science teachers are always on hand to support and guide for any pupil struggling.

Homework rewards and sanctions:

To align our sanctions and rewards system with this change, the following will come in to effect from 5th January 2026.

- Pupils completing their Sparx homework will be celebrated each week through form time and entered into a weekly prize draw. Merits will be awarded for completion and termly rewards, certificates and prizes will be awarded.
- Any pupil not completing one or more of their compulsory homework will be set a 30 minute catch up in for the Wednesday of the due date.
 - in order to ensure parents are informed in a timely way, this catch up will be added to ClassCharts on the Tuesday afternoon, and removed for any pupils completing their homework prior to the Wednesday morning.
- Any pupil not attending this catch up, will be set a compulsory 60-minute SLT detention for the following Friday after school, to take place from 3.10pm to 4.10pm.
- Failure to attend this detention, or continued failure to complete homework will result in escalated sanctions, and the likely need for parental meetings and bespoke support to ensure improvement.

We believe this more balanced approach will support academic progress while respecting pupils' wellbeing and family time.

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child succeed. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards

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