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Dear Parent/Carer

Sparx Maths Homework

We have had a successful launch of the Sparx Maths home learning platform. Many students successfully completed the set work achieving 100%. Collectively, 14,709 questions were correctly answered, and we are yet to launch this with our Year 7 students! A collective 283 hours was spent in the last week by Roding Valley students.

You may have already received an email from Sparx, but if you have not it will soon arrive in your inbox, which will tell you how your child performed with their first homework. Do keep an eye out for it and please do praise your child for completing the set work. If you did not receive the update email from Sparx, you may have opted out of receiving them. If you wish to have it re-enabled, please do let me know.

Despite the successful launch, we do believe there is more still we can do. There are a few students who have not completed the task fully to 100%. Please do speak to them of the importance of completing the set work. This will ensure continuous practice is taking place over time and will make them more successful with their mathematical studies.

There are also, more disappointingly, some students who have not started the set work on Sparx. We will begin with a focus on our Year 11 students and if your child has not started the task, you will receive a separate email to inform you that they have a detention. We strongly believe that Sparx can be a very powerful tool if used properly.

I have received many emails to inform me of various issues. Please do continue to let me know if there are any problems with accessing Sparx and I shall try to resolve them as soon as I can.

Sparx is designed for independent learning, but we do understand that some students may still have some issues with completing the work. Students should always attempt the work on their own, use the videos when needed and to give the questions another go. Some may still have difficulties with completing the work and we would then encourage students to make use of our support session, which will be **in H3 every Tuesday after school**. Please do encourage your child to attempt all the set work and if they have any difficulties, to attend the support session.

I am hoping that we can continue to build on our success and aiming for 150,000 correctly answered questions before Christmas!

Yours faithfully

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