



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to you to communicate regarding homework at Blaise High School; why it is so important for all students to complete their homework every day and how you can best support your child with homework.

Research shows that regularly completing homework to review learning helps students to make better progress in lessons and achieve higher GCSE results. As such, at Blaise High School we are committed to enabling all of our students to successfully complete every piece of homework.

All students have been provided with a knowledge organiser which they need to self-quiz after school every day. This is done in their self-quizzing books. In the front of the Knowledge Organiser the schedule states which subject is to be studied that day, and then the correct 10 facts can be found simply using the date. Students need to read, cover and memorise the facts. Once learnt, they are neatly written into the self-quizzing book and then checked, with any corrections being made in green pen. This is repeated until all 10 definitions have been learnt and a minimum of one page of A4 is full. A video showing this process is available on the school website [here](#).

In addition to the knowledge organisers, we support students developing mathematical fluency through the online program 'Sparx'. All students have been provided with a login and are assigned a task each week. This must be completed online, with working shown in the A5 Sparx book students are provided with. Students will be shown how to do this in their Maths lessons. Please contact Mr Early for support with Sparx on earlyc@blaisehighschool.co.uk

Self-Quizzing is due every day, whilst Sparx is due before midnight every Monday for year 7 and 8, and before midnight on Tuesday 9, 10 and 11. Year 7 parents please note that students in year 7 will have a computer lesson with their Maths teacher on or before Monday 12th September where they will receive their Sparx login.

Year 11 and our KS4 students will receive additional homework to support their preparation for external assessments from half term 2 onwards.

To support your students in completing their homework, we will:

- Provide all students with a knowledge organiser, self-quizzing book, Sparx book and Sparx login
- Maths support for Sparx is available in room R08 every lunchtime
- Provide a staffed and supported homework club to support students with their homework from 3.:00pm to 3:30pm every day in the library



We ask that you:

- Provide them with a quiet place to focus on the task for around 30 minutes each evening.
- Remind them to complete homework
- where possible, check their self - quizzing books

Please do not hesitate to contact me, on gillettm@blaisehighschool.co.uk if you have any questions regarding homework, or if you would like any further support or guidance in helping your child to be successful with these tasks.

Yours sincerely

Mark Gillett

