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Dear Blaise families,

I am writing to inform you of some **changes to our homework system**. These changes impact Year 7-9 students.

Why are we making changes to the homework system?

We know that homework completion has a significant impact on student learning.

- Research shows that secondary school students who have 100% homework completion make 5 months' extra progress in an academic year compared to peers that don't.
- At Blaise, we have seen that the average grade of our most recent Year 11 cohort, where students had 100% homework completion, was **above a Grade 7**. This puts the achievement of these students in the top 1% of all students in the country.
- We know the incredible impact that Sparx Maths has had on Maths progress in the school. Blaise students are in the top 2% for completion across the whole country (out of over 2000 schools), and see results in Year 11 that keep getting better each year.
- Although Sparx Reader has only been part of our system for less than 1 year, Blaise students are already in the top 7% for completion across the whole country, with nearly 3000 whole books read in the last year.

We are keen for our homework system to provide students with equal opportunity across all three of their core subjects.

What changes are we making to the homework system?

The existing elements of our homework system will not change. We are just adding one new task to complete each week for Y7-9 students:

- Every student will complete self-quizzing from their knowledge organiser 6 times per week
- Every student will receive a weekly Sparx Maths homework
- Every Y7-9 student will receive a weekly Sparx Reader homework
- In addition, every Y7-9 student will now receive a **weekly Sparx Science homework**

What is Sparx Science?

- An online platform for science homework, very similar to Sparx Maths. All science classes have had a Sparx Science lesson to allow them to log in and try some homework tasks.
- Students will be set homework tasks on topics recently covered in class, along with previously covered topics to embed prior learning.
- Every question has support available and students receive immediate feedback. This ensures that students always have the tools to succeed.
- Like in Sparx Maths, homework will be marked complete when 100% of the questions are answered correctly.
- Students have the autonomy to further develop their scientific knowledge via the 'Independent Learning' section of the platform.

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The table on page 2 summarises the homework that Year 7-9 students will do each week. The first Sparx Science task will be **set on Tuesday 20th January** and will be **due on Monday 26th January** at 10pm.

Homework summary table:

	Self-Quizzing		Sparx Reader		Sparx Maths		Sparx Science	
	<i>Expectation</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Expectation</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Expectation</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Expectation</i>	<i>Time</i>
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Thank you for reading and, as always, thank you for the brilliant support you give to your child regarding homework and all other aspects of school. If you have any questions about homework, please email info@blaisehighschool.co.uk and an appropriate member of staff will respond to your request.

Yours faithfully,



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