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Dear Blaise families,

Last week, I wrote to Year 7-9 parents about the addition of Sparx Science to our homework expectations. I am writing today about the support we offer for every child to be able to complete their homework each week, as well as **changes to our detention system** that will align with our new homework expectations.

The changes in this letter are relevant to all Year 7-10 students.

Homework support

There is a significant amount of support in school for students to have help with their homework, to ensure that every child can achieve 100% completion, with Integrity, each week:

- Every lunch, we have a **Sparx support club** staffed by subject teachers for students to get assistance with their Sparx Maths, Sparx Reader and Sparx Science homework.
- Every Monday-Thursday after school, we have a **self-quizzing support club** where students can attend to complete, be tested on, and receive support with their self-quizzing homework.

Detentions

When students do not complete homework, it is not completed to the expected standard, or when it is not completed with Integrity, detentions will be issued during which students will be supported to complete their missed homework.

For self-quizzing homework, detentions are from 3pm-3:30pm on the same day that the homework detention is issued.

We also have Sparx detentions for each subject, that take place the day after the homework is due:

- Sparx Science will be due at 10pm each Monday night, so the Sparx Science detention will be on Tuesdays, 3pm-3:45pm (year 7-9 only)
- Sparx Reader is due at 10pm each Tuesday night, and detentions are on Wednesdays, 3pm-3:45pm* (year 7-9 only)
- Sparx Maths is due at 10pm each Wednesday night, and detentions are on Thursdays, 3pm-4pm (year 7-10)

*Please note the slight increase in Sparx Reader detention time.

Changes to the detention system

From next week, we will add a *new type of detention* that will prevent the chance of students 'stacking' up different detentions, either because of incomplete self-quizzing or Sparx homework.

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Each Monday, from 3pm-4pm, there will be a central detention run by either a Deputy Headteacher, or our Head of School. Below are the different ways in which a child could receive a Monday Deputy Headteacher detention:

- A child had a Sparx detention the previous week that they were unable to attend
- A child had a daily detention the previous week and in that detention they did not meet our behaviour expectations.

The table below summarises this system:

Type of detention	During the detention	Next steps
Daily detention 3pm-3:30pm	Student is successful (completes one full page of self-quizzing in silence)	Detention complete, no further action
	Student is absent or has detention rearranged for a specific, one-off reason	Detention is rescheduled for the next day
	Student does not meet detention expectations (refusal to attend, repeated talking – for example)	Escalation to a 1 hour Monday detention the next week
Sparx detention (either Sparx Science on Tuesday, Sparx Reader on Wednesday, or Sparx Maths on Thursday)	Student is successful (completes Sparx task in silence)	Detention complete, no further action
	Student is absent, has detention rearranged, or does not meet detention expectations	Escalation to a 1 hour Monday detention the next week

The first 1 hour Monday detention will take place on **Monday 19th January**. You will receive a text message at some point in the week leading up to the detention to inform you that your child has received this consequence.

If you have any questions about homework, or about these associated changes to detentions, please email info@blaisehighschool.co.uk and an appropriate member of staff will respond to your request.

A final thank you for the incredible support you have provided to your child so far this year. It was brilliant to have students back in the building last week, and we can't wait to see their successes over the coming Unit!

Yours faithfully,



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