

KH/SS/TM/Homework

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Homework- Year 8



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As we begin the new academic year, we would like to inform you of some changes to our homework policy.

Our revised approach has been designed to support pupils in developing their independent learning skills gradually throughout their journey with us. We believe that building these skills over time will help pupils become more confident, organised and resilient learners, while preparing them for future study and life beyond school.

Which subjects will my child have homework for?

In Year 8, homework will be set only in Maths, English and Science until October Half Term, allowing them an opportunity to become familiar with new online platforms that will be used. After October Half Term they will also be set homework in Languages. All homework tasks will be set for pupils on a Tuesday and will be due the following Tuesday at 8:30am, meaning these should be completed before they come to school on this day.

In addition, pupils are encouraged to make regular use of the knowledge organisers and other resources provided by all subjects to support their learning and prepare effectively for assessments.

Homework will continue to be communicated through Class Charts, allowing both parents and pupils to access homework tasks, deadlines and any supporting information in one place.

This year, we are also introducing Sparx for Maths, English and Science homework. Sparx provides an interactive online platform that offers personalised learning and immediate feedback, helping pupils to practise and consolidate their knowledge independently.

To help pupils plan their workload, a homework timetable will be issued in September. This will outline the days on which each subject will set homework, enabling pupils and families to establish consistent routines at home.

We are also pleased to continue offering our Homework Club, which will run every evening in the iCentre until 4:00 pm and until 3:30pm on Friday. Homework Club is available to all pupils and provides:

- Support with homework tasks.
- A quiet and focused space to work.
- Access to computers and school resources.
- Help with any other homework-related questions or concerns.



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We encourage pupils to make full use of this provision, particularly if they need additional support or would benefit from completing their homework before leaving school.

We appreciate your continued support in encouraging positive study habits at home. By working together, we can help our pupils develop the independence and confidence they need to achieve their full potential.

If you have any questions about the changes or the new homework policy, please contact postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk

Yours sincerely,



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