

Dear Parent/Carer,

At John Spence, students are expected to complete regular homework. For English, maths and science, this takes the form of online homework set via the Sparx platforms. These can be found at: sparxscience.com, sparxmaths.com and sparxreader.com.

Your child has a single login which is the same for each of these platforms, in the form firstnamelast name. For example a child named John Smith would have the login: johnsmith

Your child will have set up a password for the Sparx platforms, if they have forgotten their password, they need to press 'forgot login details' on the login page. This will allow a member of staff to reset their password for them. Staff do not receive an alert that this has happened, so the child will then need to speak to their subject teacher and ask them to reset their password for them. I am happy for you or your child to email me and ask me to reset their password. However, if this is outside school hours, I cannot guarantee I will respond on the day.

My email address is: robert.dodd@johnspence.org.uk

If your child has never accessed Sparx before, they will need to click on 'new user', then 'student' and follow the instructions from there.

The deadlines for each homework are as follows:

Reader: Monday 3pm

Science: Wednesday 3pm

Maths: Thursday 3pm

Students who have not completed their homework by the 3pm deadline will be expected to attend detention on that day, to support them in completing their work. This detention will run from 3pm -3.30pm, unless the child completes their homework in a shorter period of time.

If your child has not completed their homework on the day before the deadline, you will receive an email, which serves as both a reminder that the work is to be completed, and if it is not, your child's school day will end at 3.30pm. Please note, this replaces the detention text sent in previous years.

Homework is vital to further student learning, at John Spence we have a number of lunchtime clubs available to support students who are struggling with the content of their homework, cannot access Sparx at home, or simply want a quiet place to complete their work. These are (see overleaf):

Headteacher Mr Jonathan Heath

John Spence Community High School, Preston Road, North Shields, NE29 9PU.

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Friday/Monday lunchtime: Reader - Library
Tuesday/Wednesday lunchtime: Science - U9
Wednesday/Thursday lunchtime - Maths - U19

If you have any concerns or questions about your child's Sparx homework please do not hesitate to contact me via email: robert.dodd@johnspence.org.uk

Regards,

Mr Robert Dodd
Sparx Lead
John Spence Community High School

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