ALDERCAR HIGH SCHOOL

EVERY CHILD KNOWN - EVERY LESSON COUNTS - EVERY FUTURE UNLOCKED

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are excited to inform you that from October Half Term your child will be using Sparx Learning to complete their weekly homework. Your child will be using Sparx Learning for their English, Maths and Science homework.

Sparx provides highly personalised homework to students, tailored to their individual attainment level and working speed. Students receive immediate feedback for each question about whether their answer was correct or they need to have another try. They earn rewards via XP (Experience Points) and SRP (Sparx Reader Points) for completion and effort.

Students log in at the following websites, by finding their school and entering their school username and password. Sparx Learning can be accessed on any device that connects to the internet with a web browser.

Sparx Maths: www.sparxmaths.com
Sparx Reader: www.sparxreader.com
Sparx Science: www.sparxscience.com

Once on the platform website above follow these instructions to log in:

- Click the login button (top right hand side of screen) and Enter 'Aldercar High School' when asked for school name.
- Then click the 'Log into Sparx using Microsoft' blue button.
- Please note: Sparx uses the usual school email and password students use to access computers in school. If it does not work, please check that the email is the **new updated email** which should be –

  Start year then **first initial** then **surname** followed by **@students.aldercarhighschool.co.uk**

  e.g. Joe Bloggs in Year 7 would be
  26jbloggs@students.aldercarhighschool.co.uk

  Santa Clause in Year 8 would be
  25sclause@students.aldercarhighschool.co.uk

We understand how important your child's success is to you. Below, you'll find information about each platform, along with practical advice on how you can support them to complete their homework each week.

Sparx Maths

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Your child's homework will be set on Monday 7pm and due in on Monday 7pm the following week every week.

- Teachers will set topics for homework that have recently been covered in class and this will make up the majority of each child's homework, but it will also include some questions from previously learnt topics to help consolidate learning.
- Each Sparx Maths question includes a support video, helping your child find the guidance they need on their own. This ensures they always have the tools to succeed.
- Students also have the autonomy to further develop their mathematical knowledge if they desire, via the 'Independent Learning' section of the platform.
- Homework will only be marked complete when 100% of the compulsory questions are answered correctly
- You can also find out more about Sparx Maths on the dedicated parent page - www.sparxmaths.com/parents

If you have any questions, please contact info@aldercarhighschool.co.uk or your child's Maths teacher.

Sparx Reader

Your child's homework will be set on Monday 7pm and due in on Monday 7pm the following week every week.

- Students choose from a range of age-appropriate ebooks at their reading level and, as they read, they will answer questions to check that they are reading carefully.
- Motivated readers who demonstrate consistent, careful reading can unlock '*Gold Reader*'. This means they can read any book of their choice and log their reading by scanning the book's barcode within Sparx Reader.
- Sparx Reader reassures teachers and parents that focused and careful reading is taking place, and that readers of all abilities feel successful and motivated.
- Homework will only be marked complete when the Sparx Reader Points target of 300 has been met (about 30 mins of reading per week).
- You can also find out more about Sparx Reader on the dedicated parent page - www.sparxreader.com/parents

If you have any questions, please contact info@aldercarhighschool.co.uk or your child's English teacher.

Sparx Science

Your child's homework will be set on Monday 7pm and due in on Monday 7pm the following week every week.

- Assigned homework will mostly focus on topics recently covered in class, along with consolidation questions on previously covered topics to embed prior learning.

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- Every Sparx Science question has support available, helping your child find the guidance they need on their own. This ensures they always have the tools to succeed.
- Students also have the autonomy to further develop their scientific knowledge if they desire, via the 'Independent Learning' section of the platform.
- Homework will only be marked complete when 100% of the questions are answered correctly
- Find out more about Sparx Science here: sparxscience.com

If you have any questions, please contact info@aldercarhighschool.co.uk or your child's Science teacher.

How can you help your child with their homework?

- Provide a quiet space for your child to focus on their homework, with minimal distractions.
- Encourage your child to start their homework early.
- Please let them attempt questions independently. Sparx Learning will automatically adjust the level of questions provided based on your child's answers.
- Our school has parent emails enabled, helping you keep track of your child's progress with their homework so checking the weekly email sent to you from Sparx is another way to help.

What support is available at Aldercar High School?

- Our Library and Computer Rooms are open at break and lunchtime for support logging in or time to complete homework.
- Your teachers can offer support if you are struggling to meet deadlines or need any help completing work as it is too hard or too easy.
- Extra Aldercar R points are available for homework completion (e.g. 50 Aldercar R points for 300 Sparx Reader Points).
- Extra Aldercar R points may be awarded for going above and beyond the expected homework tasks by completing independent learning tasks or recording books on the Gold Reader section.

Kind regards,

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