

Hartshill Academy - Homework

Dear Parents/Carers,

At Hartshill Academy, we are working hard to ensure that the curriculum and teaching that pupils experience is of the best quality we can. Concurrent with learning inside the classroom is work done outside: homework. This independent learning secures knowledge in the memory, allows pupils to return to knowledge that has been covered previously and gain insight into future learning.

At Hartshill, pupils are set homework in two forms. One form of homework, which is centrally tracked, is Sparx Maths and Sparx Reader. Following our current pilot, this may also include Sparx Science as the year continues.

It is essential that pupils are completing their Sparx Maths and Sparx Reader each week, which will support them in their Maths and English lessons, with the wider benefit of improving their numeracy and reading ability, which will have broader impacts across all subjects.

In addition, subjects will set pupils knowledge-based work in other subjects, stemming from the knowledge organiser or knowledge provided to the pupils. This will inform a weekly Do Now, where pupils will have a low-stakes knowledge test to determine how well they have taken in the set knowledge.

At Key Stage 4 (Years 10 and 11), pupils will also be set exam-style responses by their teachers – the expectation is that this is at least once every two weeks.

All homework is set on the Arbor app; we encourage all of our parents and carers to download the Arbor app. Pupil access to the Arbor app, so they can view and submit homework, is in process – further correspondence will update you on this progress.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Showler, Assistant Principal – Teaching and Learning, who leads on homework. Any further questions, please feel free to contact me directly.

Yours Sincerely,



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