

# Year 8 Maths

## The Year 8 Curriculum

Students will continue following the Sparx Scheme of Learning, which can be found on their team's page. The details of upcoming topics are also in the parental newsletter which goes out each half-term.

## The Year 8 Assessments

Students will complete short in class unit assessments every 2/3 weeks based on the core skills of a topic. These assessments will be on the previous unit, so students will not complete them directly after being taught them. After the assessment, they will be required to use Sparx to revisit any topics they struggled with.

Students will also sit end of term assessments, which cover a mixture of topics. For this, students will be given a full topic list, with associated Sparx codes, in advance of the assessment so that they know exactly what to revise.

## Sparx Maths Homework

- This will be set and due the same day every week for the whole school year. Students will always be given a week for their homework to be done.
- We expect all students to get 100% because the homework is personalised for them and their ability. This is more important now more than ever, because leaving topics behind simply because students don't understand at the time is what will lead to bigger gaps in their learning later on.
- If students don't complete their homework on time, you might hear from us so we can figure out how best to support their routine going forward.
- Homework is meant to challenge students, but not so much that they find it stressful. If students are stuck on a question then Sparx will tell them to 'seek help'. Then they should come to find their teacher or come to homework club (every Monday after school in 1C).
- In the event of an absence, students will still be expected to complete homework as it will help to catch up with any missed learning – they will be given an extended time to complete this at the teacher's discretion.

## Sparx Maths Competition

Students will receive XP for completing their homework, and any extra questions they answer in the 'Boost' and 'Target' sections of the website. Students will get the same amount of XP for answering questions no matter their ability! We are running a Sparx competition all year round with prizes every half term for the top scoring students!