

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Key Stage 4 Maths Homework at Jarrow School

I'm writing to you as the Faculty Leader of Maths to provide some information about mathematics homework at Jarrow School. It's important that we work together to ensure your child thrives in this subject. Success in GCSE Mathematics is vital for creating future opportunities for your child.

### Homework

Regular maths practice at home from Years 7 to 11 makes an enormous difference to GCSE grades. We are very fortunate at Jarrow School to subscribe to Sparx Maths – this platform is top of the range. Students who use it well will make progress.

Students are set new tasks on Sparx Maths once every two weeks. This will be on a Thursday (week one) and they have one week to complete it. Please ensure that your child can access their Sparx Maths homework on a device such as a laptop, tablet or smartphone. If they do not have access to a device or internet at home, they will be able to complete their maths homework at school using school resources.

If your child has any difficulty with their homework then they must watch the accompanying video, and if they continue to struggle then they should seek help at school. It is vital that they do not do their homework the night before it's due as this doesn't give them the opportunity to seek help.

All students who complete their homework will be positively rewarded with BRIGHT points. Students can earn up to five BRIGHT points for each homework.

If students complete:

- 75%+ of their homework, they will receive 1 'Independent' BRIGHT point.
- 100% of their homework, they will receive 2 'Independent' BRIGHT points.
- XP Boost tasks, they will receive 1 'Hardworking' BRIGHT point.
- Times tables task, they will receive 1 'Thriving' BRIGHT point
- Target tasks, they will receive 1 'Thriving' BRIGHT point.

Year 11 students will also receive paper-based homework tasks linked to improving their exam technique. Completing exam papers regularly throughout Year 11 will have a big impact on GCSE results so we encourage all students to complete any homework tasks set.

Thank you so much for your support. I look forward to working with you and your child over the coming year.

Yours sincerely



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