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# WOODBROOK VALE

2025/2026

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



## UPCOMING EVENTS/DEADLINES

Please visit our school website for more information

**Loughborough College Trip**  
Year 9

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Year 10 Rewards Trip**  
Alton Towers

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**DofE Silver Award Training**

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Enrichment Week**

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**

**Year 11 Prom**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July**

*Congratulations*



Congratulations all!  
A fantastic achievement.

Our students went above  
and beyond  
demonstrating the core  
values of our school.

We also have a new  
arrival at WBVS...



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# WATER SAFETY

After the tragic events in May this year of multiple open water deaths, particularly among teenagers, Leicestershire Fire & Rescue Service would like to provide you with a Water Safety Video Presentation aimed at students from Year 7 to Year 13. The presentation is around 20 minutes long and should be shown in tutor/form time or in an assembly. It can be accessed by clicking the following link.



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# Goodbye & Good Luck

## YEAR 11!



As you finish this chapter of your lives and prepare for the next, We want to wish you all the very best for the future. The past few years have been filled with challenges, achievements, friendships, and memories that will stay with you for years to come. Be proud of everything you have accomplished. Whether you're moving on to sixth form, college, apprenticeships, or new opportunities, remember that success is not just about grades—it's about determination, resilience, and the person you become along the way.

Embrace new experiences, believe in yourselves, and don't be afraid to chase your ambitions. While it's time to say goodbye, the friendships, lessons, and memories you've made will always be a part of you.

Thank you for being such an important part of our school community. We are proud of you and excited to see what the future holds.

Good luck, take care, and goodbye, Year 11!



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## Duke of Edinburgh

The Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Bronze Award is a programme that helps students develop confidence, resilience, and life skills through four sections: Skills, Volunteering, Physical, and an Expedition. Students choose their own activities, begin in September 2026, and must submit an application planner by 3 July 2026. The programme includes a two-day expedition.

- Mr Matthews



[DofE Bronze Letter 2026](#)  
[Bitesize Bronze Planner](#)  
[Programme Ideas](#)

## English Intervention

Our new Year 11 students have really stepped up this term, approaching the mock season with impressive maturity and determination. Attendance at our morning English intervention session before the English Language mock was outstanding, showing a year group genuinely committed to strengthening their skills and aiming high.

Staff were delighted to see so many students actively involved with supporting one another, asking thoughtful questions, and making the most of every opportunity to refine their exam techniques. It's a brilliant start to their exam journey, and we are incredibly proud of the initiative they've shown by choosing to come into school early to give themselves the best possible chance of success.





## County Schools Athletics Championship

The County Schools Athletics Championships took place at Loughborough University on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June. Woodbrook Vale had performed fantastically at the Area Athletics competition in May, which meant eleven athletes qualified for the county competition. On what was a very wet day with awful conditions for the throwing, running and jumping events, our students performed brilliantly, with them showing fantastic determination and sportsmanship. A huge well done to everyone who qualified; Iduwara (100m), Olivia (200m), Isabelle (Shot Put), Kaiya (800m), Lola (800m), Daniel (800m), Isla (1200m), Jaden (Long Jump), Jodie (1500m), Florence (1500m) and Morgan (Javelin).



**Jodie - 1500m  
3rd**



**Jaden - Long  
Jump 1st**



**Florence  
1500m  
1st**





# CREATIVE FACULTY

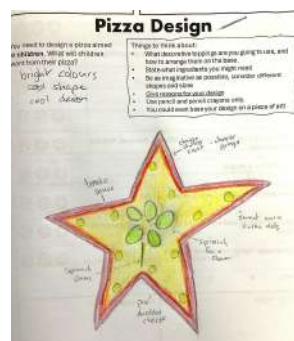
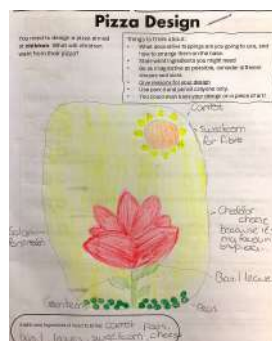
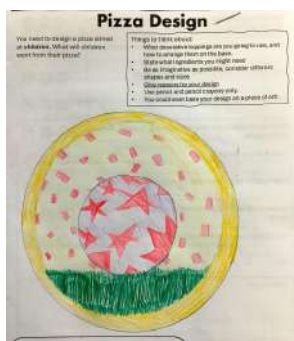
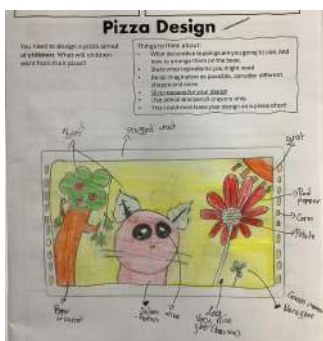
## Year 8 Food

In the food room this week year eight pupils have been making pizza! Pupils designed their pizza according to a brief which was to create a pizza for a child and to encourage them to eat vegetables. They were also asked to consider the nutritional value of their pizza and the health benefits of each topping ingredient.

Pupils made their own dough, with some attempting a stuffed crust and added toppings according to their design.

There were some incredible results and we believe that they tasted as good as they looked!

Well done to all for their efforts.



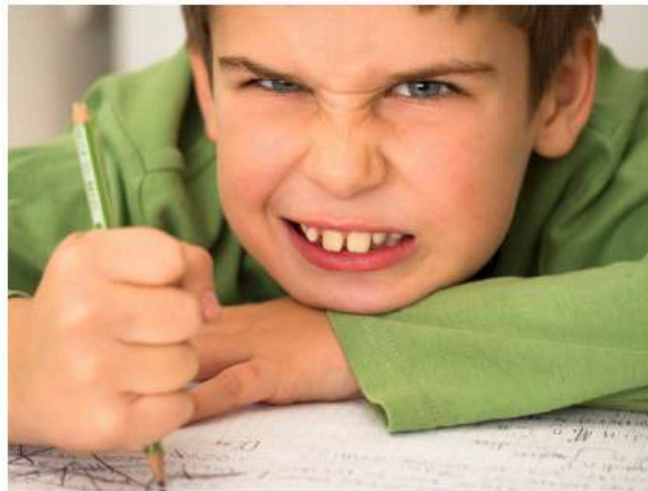


## MEDICATION



Please remember if you are bringing medication into school for your child we can **only accept medicines if these are in-date, labelled, provided in the original container** as dispensed by a pharmacist and include **instructions for administration, dosage and storage**. Over the counter medication, for example, paracetamol or ibuprofen, should also be in their **original packaging** so we are able to see dosage instructions on the pack. You will be asked to fill out a green 'request for administration of medicines form' in reception, please make sure this is filled out correctly so we can make sure we are giving your child the correct dosage. Thank you for your co-operation.

## Helping an ADHD Child with Homework



**FREE** one hour online session for parents  
**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 7pm - 8pm**

Join us online to get some advice on how to help your ADHD child start and complete their homework.

Book on the **PARENTS - Live Talks** page  
[facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)





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## Support Group for Parents/Carers of Children with ADHD

Support for  
parent's/carers of  
children with ADHD

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July



ADHD Connect - Parent/Carer support group, Loughborough

Join us in Loughborough for a friendly Parent/Carer Group to share, learn, and support each other!

Eventbrite / Jul 1

## Year 8 French

The verb "aller".

The new year 8 classes in French have been learning the verb aller using this silly song.

A challenge extra homework task is for them to come up with an alternative song or perform the current song but include a dance routine/ pictures which show the meaning of each part of the verb.

Entries should be sent to Mrs Kitching by Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June  
[fkitching@wbvs.co.uk](mailto:fkitching@wbvs.co.uk)



Merci  
Madame Kitching



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# SCIENCE REVISION

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR YEAR 10s!**

**SCIENCE MOCK REVISION STARTS FROM AFTER HALF TERM!**

**AFTER SCHOOL SESSIONS (addressing tricky topics and misconceptions)**

**Monday 1st June: BIOLOGY 3pm @Lab 1/2/3**

**Monday 8th June: CHEMISTRY 3pm @Lab 1/2/3**

**Monday 15th June: PHYSICS 3pm @Lab 1/2/3**

**LUNCH TIME SESSIONS →  
Every week until the end  
of mocks**

	COMB	TRIPLE
TUES LUNCH	Chem Lab 2	Chem Room 23
WED LUNCH	Bio Lab 1	Bio Lab 3
THU LUNCH	Phys Lab 2	Phys Lab 3

**SCIENCE**

**CONUNDRUM of the WEEK**

**Last Weeks Answer**

On the pH scale for acids and alkalis what does 'pH' actually stand for - Potential of Hydrogen. The pH scale actually measures the concentration of hydrogen ions (H<sup>+</sup>) in a solution.

**Which all girl group released the single 'Biology' in 2005?**





# CAREERS

## YEAR 12 PROGRESSION PROGRAMMES INTO MEDICINE, BANKING AND FINANCE

The University of Leicester, offers a range of progression programmes to support Year 12 students on their journey to higher education following on from sixth form and college. These programmes include Pathways to Medicine and Pathways to Banking and Finance. Follow the link to the website for more information about these opportunities as you begin to think about the future.



Year 12 progression programmes | Schools, colleges and community  
Learn more about the Year 12 progression programmes offered at the University of Leicester.  
University of Leicester

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June - Year 9 girls visit to Loughborough College engineering department

29<sup>th</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> July - Year 10 Work Experience

Channel 4 Work Experience is ready for you!

[4Skills](#) | [Work Experience in Creative](#)

Make a difference

**ABSOLUTE CARE**  
caring for those you care about

### BUILD A CAREER THAT MATTERS

WE'RE HIRING **CARER Apprentices!**

Start your rewarding career in care with full training and real opportunities.

**YOU'LL GET:**

- PAID TRAINING & QUALIFICATIONS LEVEL 2 & 3 DIPLOMA
- EARN WHILE YOU LEARN
- CAREER GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT
- MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE

**APPLY TODAY!**  
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MESSAGE US TO FIND OUT MORE!



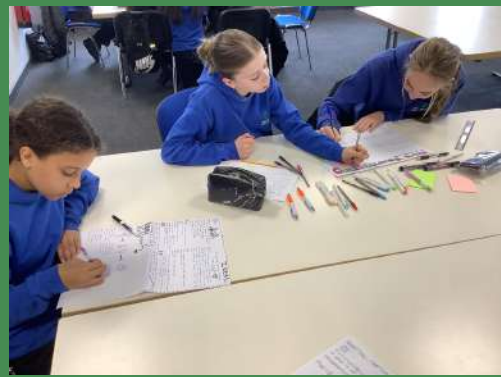


# CAREERS

## VOLUNTARY ACTION LEICESTERSHIRE

This week a group of students visited the offices of Voluntary Action Leicestershire where they spent the morning finding out about the benefits of volunteering, and how this can link to future job roles and skills for employment. The students were tasked with coming up with ideas for a micro volunteering project which could be completed in under 5 hours and would benefit the local community. Students came up with lots of fantastic ideas, there was a definite theme around animals and sport. The ideas were then presented to a panel with students being asked questions to further explain their thinking.

Volunteering is a great way to build skills and confidence while helping people in the community. There are a huge variety of activities that young people can get involved with from social media, volunteering at events and concerts, to wildlife and conservation. VAL are actively trying to recruit more young people to join in, volunteering can be an excellent addition to CV's and future job applications. Find out more about opportunities in the local area by following this link: <https://valonline.org.uk/youth-volunteering/>





# Woodbrook Vale Clubs

## Woodbrook Vale Clubs – Autumn Term 2025-26

Day	Club	Staff Member	Year Group (s)	Time	Room	Starting Date	End Date
Monday	Christian Union	Mr Lewney	All Years	12.30 – 1.10 pm	Room 15	September 2025	ongoing
	Drama – production rehearsal	Mrs Hopkinson	Cast members	12.45 – 1.10 pm	Drama Studio	October 2025	End Jan
	Drama Club	Mrs Hopkinson	All Years	3 - 4 pm	Drama studio	October 2025	ongoing
Tuesday	Darts Club	Mr Clargo	KS4	12:35 – 1:10 pm	Room 12	September 2025	ongoing
	Mindfulness Club	Miss Vaughan	All Years	12:25 – 1:10 pm	Room 1	September 2025	ongoing
	Drama – production rehearsal	Mrs Hopkinson	Cast Members	12.45 – 1.10 pm	Drama Studio	October 2025	Jan '26
	Drama – Theatre Tech Club	Mrs Hopkinson	All Years – flexible session limited nos.	3 – 4 pm	Drama Studio	October 2025	ongoing
	Homework Club	Miss Roberts	All Years	3 – 4 pm	Library	September 2025	ongoing
Wednesday	GCSE Drama Rehearsals & Intervention	Mrs Hopkinson	Year 10&11 GCSE	12.45 – 1.10 pm	Drama Studio	October 2025	ongoing
	KS4 Documentary Club	Miss Vaughan	Years 10 & 11	12.30 – 1.10 pm	Room 5	October 2025	ongoing
	Homework Club	Miss Roberts	All Years	3 – 4 pm	Library	September 2025	ongoing
Thursday	Darts Club	Mr Clargo	KS4	12:35 – 1:10 pm	Room 12	September 2025	ongoing
	GCSE Drama Rehearsals & Intervention	Mrs Hopkinson	Year 10&11 GCSE	12.45 – 1.10 pm	Drama Studio	October 2025	ongoing
	School Production Rehearsal	Mrs Hopkinson	Cast members	3 – 4.30pm	Drama Studio	October 2025	Jan 2026
	Homework Club	Miss Roberts	All Years	3 – 4 pm	Library	September 2025	ongoing
Friday	Drama Production Choreography	Mrs Hopkinson	Choreography Team	12.45 – 1.10 pm	Drama Studio	October 2025	End Jan '26
	School Production	Mrs Hopkinson	Cast Members	3 – 4 p m	Drama Studio	May 2025	ongoing

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## Homework Club

### A safe, supportive environment

Looking for a quiet and supportive space to get your homework done? Come along to the Homework Club in the school library every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 3:00 to 4:00 PM. Open to students from all year groups, the Homework Club is the perfect place to focus on your assignments, study, or catch up on work. There's no obligation to stay for the entire hour—drop in for as long as you need! Whether you're looking for a peaceful environment to concentrate or need some guidance with your tasks, the Homework Club is here





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JOIN IN THE FUN AT  
**THE LOUGHBOROUGH  
COLOUR  
RUN '26**

Inflatables,  
obstacles,  
challenges  
& colour  
fun

Games,  
activities,  
refreshments  
and stalls

Family fun  
run. Medals  
for all  
entrants

Walk, run  
or jog 5km  
or finish  
at 2.5km

**SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup> AUGUST**

**Charnwood College, Thorpe Hill, LE11 4SQ**

Scan the QR code  
to book your tickets

*Fun starts from 10am  
Raising funds for LWA  
Registered charity 1121923*



Adult: £15  
Child: £12  
Under 5: Free  
1 ad + 1 ch: £25  
Team of 4: £55

<https://register.enthuse.com/ps/event/TheLoughboroughColourRun2026>



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# GET SORTED DAYS

SAVE  
THE DATE

## What is the day for?

- ★ Opportunity to meet our Lead SEND Curriculum Co Ordinator's who will be working with you if you have a learning support need or an EHCP
- ★ Meet our Welfare Team who support our students with Inclusion, wellbeing and mental health needs
- ★ Access help and support to help you to understand any Summer Tasks that have been set by your tutors at Pre Programme Days in June
- ★ Access Bus Travel and Finance support information
- ★ Share copies with us of medical evidence and reports used for exam access arrangements
- ★ Ask any questions

**IGNITE Melton**  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July  
10.00<sup>am</sup> - 11.30<sup>am</sup>

**Brooksby College**  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July  
1.00<sup>pm</sup> - 2.30<sup>pm</sup>

**Loughborough College**  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July  
10.30<sup>am</sup> - 12.30<sup>pm</sup>

**Stephenson College**  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July  
10.30<sup>am</sup> - 12.30<sup>pm</sup>

(BOOKING INFORMATION  
TO FOLLOW)

For further information please email  
our EHCP Team: [ehcp@loucoll.ac.uk](mailto:ehcp@loucoll.ac.uk)





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**SYSTON**  
NORTHFIELDS

## Holiday Camps Summer Holidays

Delivered by the Rise Up Racket Sports coaching team, our camps combine multiple racket sports with games and fun fitness activities—helping children stay active, make friends and try new things.

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4-14 Year olds  
Sibling discount  
Half day 9am-12pm  
Full day 9am-3pm

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For more information visit  
[www.riseupracketsports.com](http://www.riseupracketsports.com)

**COME AND GIVE IT A TRY TASTER SESSIONS**

# GIRLS RUGBY

**AT LOUGHBOROUGH RFC**



**OPEN TO AGES 5-15 YEARS (RECEPTION TO YEAR 10)**

## SUN 7<sup>TH</sup> JUNE. & SAT 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY

### 10AM-12PM

10-11am **FUN non contact games**  
Followed by some craft activities  
and **FREE food!**

LRFC is proud to be a welcoming and friendly club. All welcome, from complete beginners to experienced players!



LOUGHBOROUGH RFC, DERBY ROAD PLAYING FIELD,  
LOUGHBOROUGH, LE11 5FJ

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**OPEN DAY**

# **LOUGHBOROUGH LAWN TENNIS CLUB**

**Sat 4<sup>th</sup> July  
1.30pm – 5pm**

**Are you a complete beginner, a rusty racket holder, or a regular player looking to meet others – Come to our open day!**



- **Free Coaching Sessions** – Qualified coaches will run free mini sessions for kids and adults
- **Free Play & Family Friendly Tennis:** Just turn up and play
- **Fresh Food & Bar** – Tasty food & drinks

**FREE ADMISSION – no need to book**

Find us at: Ingle Pingle (Off Forest Road), Loughborough, LE11 3NW  
Contact: Rob at [tiggersnr@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:tiggersnr@yahoo.co.uk)



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LOUGHBOROUGH EMMANUEL

FALCONS

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YEARS 10 (OR 9)  
WHO WANT TO  
PLAY UP A YEAR

NEW  
PLAYERS  
WANTED

FOR THE 2026/27  
SEASON



LEAGUE:  
DIVISION 4 (PROPOSED)



HOME GAMES:  
CHARNWOOD COLLEGE



MATCH DAY:  
SATURDAY MORNINGS



TRAINING VENUE:  
RAWLINS ACADEMY 3G



TRAINING:  
THURSDAY 7:30PM - 8:30PM

COME ALONG TO TRAINING,  
MEET THE COACHES  
AND HAVE A TRIAL.  
NEW PLAYERS  
WELCOME!



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COACHING



PLAYER  
DEVELOPMENT



COMPETITIVE  
FOOTBALL



GREAT TEAM  
ENVIRONMENT



RESPECT  
COMMITMENT  
TEAMWORK



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TOGETHER WE ARE  
FALCONS



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Mental Health Support  
Teams in Schools

**NHS**

Leicestershire Partnership  
NHS Trust

## Looking for NHS advice on mental health for children?



Find information, advice and support on mental health and emotional wellbeing on the Health for Kids website.



To be referred for mental health support, speak to your child's teacher or mental health lead.

Find more support at:  
[www.myselfreferral-llr.nhs.uk/  
bit.ly/MentalHealthForChildren](http://www.myselfreferral-llr.nhs.uk/bit.ly/MentalHealthForChildren)

**Health  
for Kids!**



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# A PARENTS GUIDE TO

# SPARX MATHS



## WHAT IS SPARX MATHS?

Sparx Maths Homework is an online learning platform that creates personalised maths homework for students aged 11-16.

We believe that practice makes perfect, so each week, your child's teacher selects the topics that have been taught in class and we build a personalised set of questions to match your child's current level of understanding.

Our aim is for all children to strive for 100% completion of their homework.

By consistently using Sparx Maths, your child can build a solid foundation in maths and achieve their full potential.

## WHY IS MY CHILD ENCOURAGED TO DO WRITTEN WORK AS WELL AS ONLINE?

We believe that written work is essential in supporting your child's understanding of maths and to help them create positive habits.

Sparx provides bookwork checks to encourage your child to do written work when they're answering questions in Sparx Maths. These checks remind students to write down the question and their working, which is helpful if they get stuck as teachers can see where they are going wrong. We advise your child to do this work either in the back of their exercise book or at your discretion, a notebook dedicated for their maths work.

## HOW YOUR CHILD WILL LOGIN TO SPARX MATHS?

- Search for 'Sparx Maths student login' in google search engine
- Click on Student Login
- Type Woodbrook Vale School into the select your school box
- Then click on Woodbrook Vale School and press continue
- Now select Log in to Sparx using Google
- The student's username and password are the same as they use to login into the computers in school

## WHAT IF MY CHILD IS REPEATEDLY GETTING AN ANSWER WRONG AND CAN'T COMPLETE THEIR HOMEWORK?

Sometimes when your child is completing their homework they might keep getting an answer wrong which prevents their homework from being complete. To help with this, we encourage your child to watch the helpful support video for that question and if they are still stuck, then they can use the new question swap feature which will give them an easier question to attempt. They can use this feature three times in each homework. If your child needs further help after this then we would encourage them to ask their teacher for support before the homework deadline.

## HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD WITH THEIR SPARX MATHS HOMEWORK?

We believe your child can answer all of the questions correctly in their homework, but we know there may be times when they struggle, so how can you support your child with their homework?

Our top three tips for you and your child when using Sparx Maths...

- Encourage them to tackle it on their own
- Nudge them to use the support videos
- Suggest that they start early to give plenty of time for help if they need it.

## WHAT IS XP?

- Sparx XP or 'Experience Points' is an effort based points system that we as a school will use to support and inform a reward scheme.
- Pupils can go to the Independent Learning tab and find topics and activities at any time. This will also be so valuable to aid any revision for examinations and assessments too.
- Students earn XP when they complete a task or win a reward game.
- Tasks from different homework types earn different numbers of points, for example students can earn more XP if they complete XP Boost and Target homework tasks compared with Compulsory ones.
- Students go up a Sparx level for every 10,000 XP they collect.
- They can be encouraged to increase their number of XP by completing all of their XP Boost and Target homework.
- Certificates are awarded for levels attained.
- There will be prizes awarded termly for the pupils with most XP points and most improved XP points.

## IN CONCLUSION

Teachers select topics that have been taught in class. Sparx Maths builds a personalised set of questions. Students complete their homework online. Teachers monitor homework so they can motivate and support students. Parents can monitor homework using Go4Schools and receive an email from Sparx before homework is due. Teachers receive powerful insights each week with the pupils attainment.

If you require any more information then please go to <https://sparxmaths.com/parents/> or contact your child's maths teacher.