



HARTLAND HIGH SCHOOL

14th September 2026

Dear Hartland High Families

I hope that your child has settled well in their first few days back at school. I am writing with a few updates related to student homework. **Importantly, please note this week we are running two in-person parent forums for any questions or concerns about homework - sign up link is below.**

Sparx

- Sparx timetable and other information available on the homework section of our [website](#).
- Sparx is running exactly the same as last year. Students in years 8-11 will have Sparx Reader, Sparx Maths and Sparx Science once a week. Students in year 7 initially will only have Sparx Reader. We will introduce Sparx Maths and Science later in the year for them.
- The first Sparx homeworks have been set - and the first deadlines begin this week.
- Students get reminders in class and at greetings and are expected to do them before the deadline of 8pm.
- Support is available each lunchtime in B15, where students can log onto a computer to complete homework.
- Students get a week to complete their Sparx.
- If Sparx is not 100% complete by 8pm on the day it is due then they receive a detention the following day.
- Parents and carers should receive a weekly update with a link to view your child's progress in their homework and to allow you to view upcoming deadlines - if you are not receiving this, please email contact@hartlandhigh.co.uk.

Self-quizzing

- All students have also now started self-quizzing homeworks on core knowledge linked to the curriculum.
- Students will complete a quiz each night in their blue independent learning books
- Students will be rehearsing and practising the first quiz with their tutor until Friday 18th September. This is so that everyone knows how to do the quizzing properly.
- Over the course of the first two weeks of school tutors, teachers and heads of year will be working closely with students to ensure that all students know what to do.
- **Detentions for homework quizzes will begin from Monday 21st September - the first quiz due will be Weekend Week 2 (checked on the Monday in TTRP).**

Example Quiz

- We are seeing lots of excellent examples of homework quizzing across all year groups. Students have been working very hard indeed on their homework.

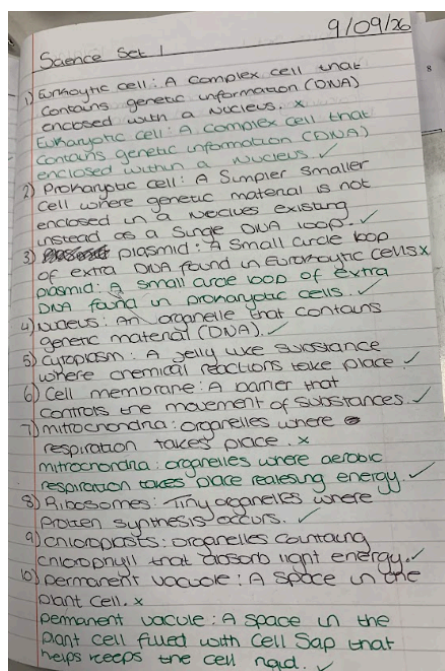
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- A reminder of what makes an excellent quiz and our expectations:
 - Subject heading at the top and date on the right-hand side, both neatly underlined
 - All ten key knowledge terms and definitions clearly numbered in the margin
 - Clear evidence of the Look, Cover, Write, Check method (e.g. key terms rewritten or corrected using green pen)
 - Clear evidence of focused effort—completing a **full page daily** on the assigned task
- Non examples, that will result in a detention from Monday 21st, include:
 - Missing title / date (or it not being underlined)
 - Simply copying out the key word and answers
 - Not filling a full page
 - Not using all the space e.g. leaving a line between each answer

An excellent Y9 quiz from last Wednesday:



Support for students

- All students can access a quiet space to complete homework at lunchtime. They can do their self-quizzing or Sparx homework in a computer room.
- We also run homework club, Monday-Wednesday and Friday, 3-4pm, staffed with TA support, where students can complete Sparx and self-quizzing. This begins today.
- For Year 11s, Champions' Hour is available 4-5pm.

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Support for families

- Information about our homework is available on our [website](#)
- You will have been receiving your weekly Sparx update sent to the email address you provided us with. If this is not happening, do get in touch so we can fix it for you
- Students will be supported with their homework if they attend B15 at lunch
- Tutors will be working closely with their tutor groups to ensure that everyone is confident with their quizzes and can log into Sparx for the rest of this week
- If any parents / carers wish to, we are offering a parent forum so that you can come in and speak to us in more detail if you have any questions or worries about homework. The dates are **Tuesday 15th September (12:30 - 1:30pm) and/or Thursday 17th September (8:30am - 9:30am)**. Please complete the form [here](#) to confirm your attendance.
- If you are unable to make these dates but would still like an in person conversation about homework, please contact the school and I will arrange to call you back.

Year 7-10 Assessment information evening - 4th November - Save the date!

- On the afternoon of 4th November after school we will be hosting an information evening about our upcoming assessments. More information will follow later this term

Kind regards



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