



# Hayle Academy

September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to introduce myself as the new Head of Maths & Computer Science at Hayle Academy. It is an absolute pleasure to work with your child in this role and it is my intention to ensure that your child gets the best opportunities to love and learn mathematics. We are working hard as a team on improving our curriculum and developing a mastery approach across the subject and we encourage you to participate in this journey with us.

One of the ways we hope you can do this is by helping your child to use [SparxMaths.co.uk](https://www.sparxmaths.co.uk) as a tool to consolidate and deepen their understanding of what they have learned in class. I am aware that Sparx has been a challenge for some families in the past but I am hoping that the relaunch of homework this academic year will change that experience.

Your child can log onto their Sparx account using their name and date of birth. They should expect to **write their maths down**, making a careful note of the **book code** for each question alongside any workings they might need to do. Book code checks require your child to enter the book code from previous questions in order to ensure that they are writing down their work. This process is frustrating if the codes are not recorded so please ensure that your child understands that their work needs to be carefully written down. Students will be guided on how to do this by their subject teachers in the coming week.

Key information:

- **Years 8-11 starts home learning on Sparx from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September**
- **Year 7 starts home learning on Sparx from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**
- **Homework is set and due on a Monday morning**
- **Support is available to parents and students every Wednesday between 15:30 and 16:30 in Room 43. Devices are available to use**

Sparx provides a highly personalised weekly homework to students, tailored to their attainment level and working speed. Teachers will use the work set for home learning to review learning and deepen understanding of work covered in lessons.

I thank you in advance for your support in setting up and running a meaningful home learning programme for your child.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

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