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THE GRANGE ACADEMY
LIBERTAS PER CULTUM

Dear Parents and Carers

At The Grange Academy, we are dedicated to giving students every opportunity to excel academically. Research consistently shows that regular completion of home learning can significantly enhance a student's academic progress. On average, it can add an additional five months of progress over the course of a year.

Further research highlights that students achieving grades A or A* at A-level typically dedicate between 25-30 hours per week to study outside of their lessons. This level of commitment illustrates the critical role that independent learning plays in academic success.

In light of these findings, and following feedback from the Parent Working Group, we are renewing our homework strategy at the academy. As part of this, we will be re-launching Sparx Maths and introducing Sparx Reader - platforms used in schools nationwide.

Research commissioned by Sparx has found that students using Sparx Maths for just 15 minutes of practice made 83% more progress than those who did no homework, with each additional 15 minutes increasing progress by 67%.

This is a significant opportunity for our students to develop their knowledge and strive for excellence, which aligns closely with our academy values of **aspiration** and **knowledge**. We are committed to making this initiative a success and ensuring it contributes to the progress of all students at The Grange Academy.

The platforms also incorporate features to enhance parental engagement, enabling you to receive updates and reminders to support your child's learning at home. Year 7 students will have an opportunity to practise using these platforms in school, so they feel confident continuing their work at home.

For more information on both platforms, please visit https://sparxmaths.com/parents/ and Sparx Reader - A parent's guide to Sparx Reader.

We are currently working to finalise the setup of these platforms and will inform you of the launch date shortly.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to sharing further updates with you in due course.

Kind regards

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