

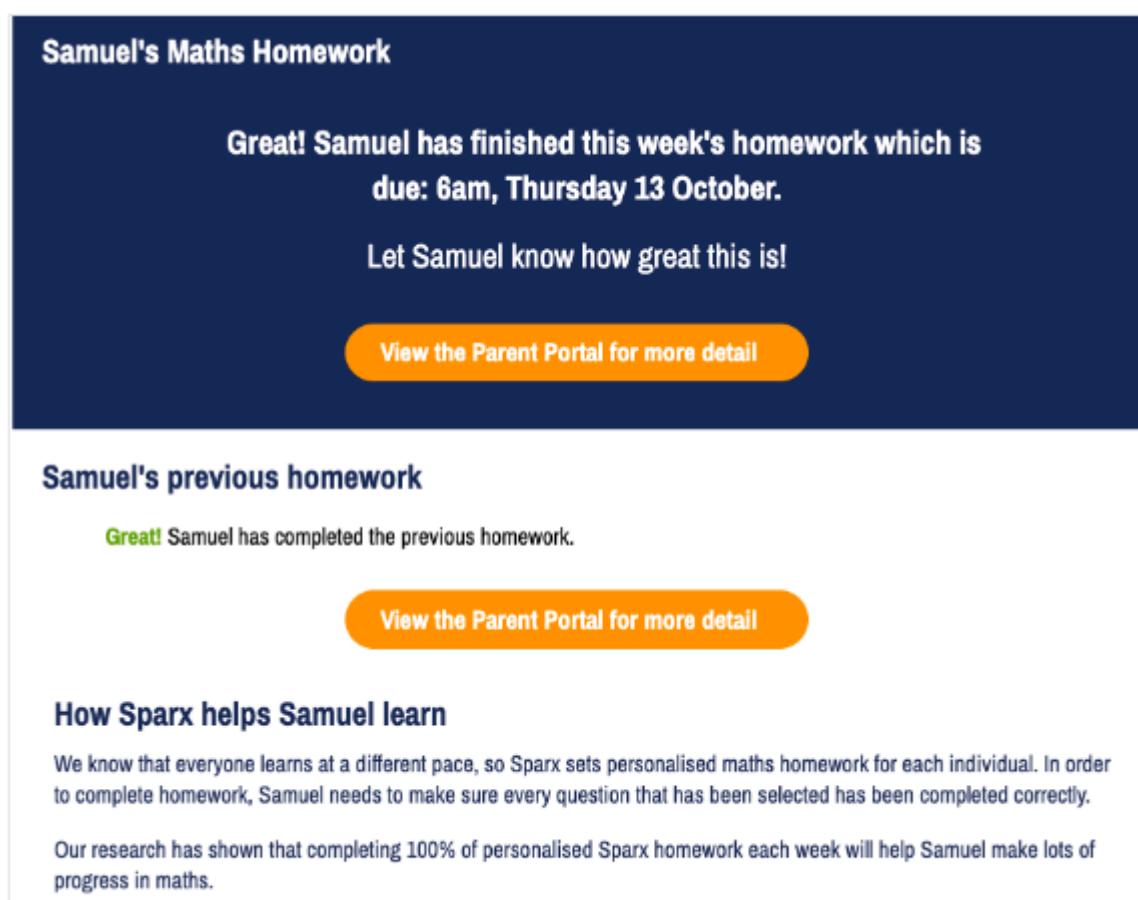
Sparx Maths

Dear Parents,

As you know we have recently invested in a new online maths learning and homework portal called Sparx Maths. Sparx Maths supports students aged 11-16 with personalised, challenging and attainable homework. You will have received a welcome email from Sparx Maths, as well as weekly update emails for homework. Please see below more information on how you can collaborate with the team to support, track and monitor your child's learning and homework.

Weekly parent update emails

Parents/carers will get one weekly update email **if their child has been set Compulsory homework that week**. They will not receive emails if the homework is either turned off (for example during holidays) or set to Optional Only.



Samuel's Maths Homework

Great! Samuel has finished this week's homework which is due: 6am, Thursday 13 October.

Let Samuel know how great this is!

[View the Parent Portal for more detail](#)

Samuel's previous homework

Great! Samuel has completed the previous homework.

[View the Parent Portal for more detail](#)

How Sparx helps Samuel learn

We know that everyone learns at a different pace, so Sparx sets personalised maths homework for each individual. In order to complete homework, Samuel needs to make sure every question that has been selected has been completed correctly.

Our research has shown that completing 100% of personalised Sparx homework each week will help Samuel make lots of progress in maths.

Example weekly update email for a student who has completed their homework

The weekly update emails have 2 main sections:

Current homework

Shows the student's current progress with their homework that week and suggests an action for the parent to encourage their child. Depending on their progress the message will say one of these three things:

Samuel hasn't started this week's homework.

Samuel has completed xx% of this week's homework.

Great! Samuel has finished this week's homework which is due 30th May.

Previous homework

Shows the student's progress with the homework that was most recently due in, including whether or not the homework was late. Clicking the link will take the parent to Parent Portal page showing more detail on the homework completion data.

The image shows two screenshots of the Sparx Learning interface. The left screenshot displays the 'Sparx Maths' dashboard for a user named 'Holly'. It shows the user's profile, total XP (3,564), and last login (24th Oct 2023). Under 'Current Homework', it indicates the due date is 'Wed 1st November 8am' and shows a 100% completion bar. Below that, 'Previous Homework' is shown as '4/4 Complete'. There are also links for 'FAQs' and 'Student login'. The right screenshot shows a detailed view of the homework due on 'Wed 1st November 8am'. It lists five compulsory topics, each with a 100% completion bar: 1. Decimal place value, 2. Calculating the range, 3. Calculating the median, 4. Algebraic notation, and 5. Function machines with numbers.

Please note that each email contains a unique link to Parent Portal, and this link will expire 7 days after the email was sent.

When do the weekly update emails get sent?

Where homework is due:

More than 3 days after hand-out: emails will be sent three days before hand-in

Less than 3 days after hand-out: emails will be sent the day after the homework is set.

The day after it is set: emails will be sent the same day as hand-out.

Please note that emails could be sent any day of the week including weekends.

All students are expected to try each homework to the best of their ability, by making thoughtful attempts as well as using the video links for support. With these support measures teachers will have high expectations of homework completed to at least 80% standard.