

Guidance on using the Sparx revision workbooks

The revision workbooks are divided into content covered in each term. As a result, the topics covered in the first big test will be everything included in the revision workbook for term 1.

Complete the work in small chunks, but ensure that completion is happening often. We recommend 20 – 45-minute blocks of intense study followed by a 10 minute break. In order to achieve this goal of intense study we recommend the following ideas around building successful study habits:

- Do not use a smartphone or have one nearby. Set it to do not disturb and leave it with a parent or in another room.
 - Linked to this, limit your usage of the internet during these periods of study. We encourage students to access Sparx Maths as and when they need it but not to get side-tracked with other websites or applications.
- Try to study in a specified space and keep all work and study in this area. Ideally, somewhere that will not lead to distraction and at a desk. Make sure to keep the desk is kept clear and only bring the work and items that are necessary for the revision block.
- Plan your revision and be very specific about what you are going to do and when. We have provided a revision timetable template that you can fill out. Ensure you put specifically what topic you are studying and for how long: e.g.

Home1	Percentage Change Sparx codes: U773 U533 U671 U286 U278			
45 minutes				

- Make sure to include time for marking and getting feedback on how you have done. The revision workbook has answers provided. Mark your work and check back over any mistakes. If necessary, use the Sparx code to watch the associated video. If completing work on the Sparx platform it will provide feedback immediately.
- Keep up all your good, healthy habits! Factor in time for relaxing, exercise and most importantly getting plenty of sleep. Make sure that you don't have your phone near the bed and that you are getting at least 7 and a half hours of sleep. Make sure that you are keeping active and maintaining friendships as these are crucial for your wellbeing and keeping up sustainable habits.
- Remember, your exams are a time to show off your amazing capabilities – see it as that opportunity!

What happens if you get stuck?

Firstly, look for the chapter in your revision booklet matching the topic and study the example done in class.

If that doesn't help then check for the Sparx codes associated with the topic, all of which are provided in the revision book and a more detailed breakdown are provided in the detailed topic

breakdown. Use the “independent learning” tab on Sparx to search through that topic and find the video you need to help. Watch the videos and revisit the question.

If that still doesn't help bring the work to MA7 at lunch or your class teacher outside of lesson time so that they can sit and go through the problem with you.

What happens if I need extra work?

We know that some of you are working really hard to fulfilling the best marks you can get and so might find yourselves in the rare position that you have finished all of your Sparx revision booklet, Sparx independent learning and XP boost/Target and the Sparx revision activities. In this position we recommend the use of the resources on Corbettmaths (<https://corbettmaths.com/>). This has a plethora of resources for you to use to aid any revision. It includes 'how-to' videos, questions with answers, test questions with worked solutions, daily puzzles and tasks. If you have finished everything provided we advise keeping to the 20 minute blocks but using Corbettmaths as the source for material.