

Home Learning Overview *(updated Feb 2024)*

Year 8 students complete approximately 55 minutes of independent work, 4 times a week. The times below are an indication of how long each task should take.

All homework is set on a Monday and is due at 9pm on Thursday. The exception to this is The Big Ideas That Shape Our World homework which is set on Wednesday and due the next day.

We recommend students spread their homework through the week like this:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Year 7 & 8 55 mins/day	Sparx (20 mins) KayScience (15 mins) Languagenut (20 mins)	Sparx (20 mins) KayScience (15 mins) Languagenut (20 mins)	Big Ideas That Shape Our World (55 mins)	Sparx (20 mins) KayScience (15 mins) Languagenut (20 mins)

- 1) **Sparx** is a time-based personalised learning program which will help you achieve outstanding results in Maths. It diagnoses your strengths and weaknesses and sets you tasks to address your personal gaps. Each week there are Compulsory questions which are then reinforced with XP Boost (more practice) and Target questions (more challenge). All of the tasks are supported by high quality videos to help you learn independently and make the progress you want to make.

We will check you have completed 100% each week, including bookwork.

- 2) **KayScience** is a learning tool armed with over 800 science videos and more than 20,000 questions to help you achieve outstanding results in science. Your teachers can tailor the tasks set to match your learning and the videos mean you can help yourself to fill the gaps in your knowledge or simply to consolidate your understanding. KayScience is designed to build knowledge, boost confidence and reduce exam stress. You will be set 3 tasks per week.

We will check that all tasks are completed with an accuracy of at least 70%.

- 3) **Languagenut** is an industry-leading interactive language learning tool which will help you to develop into a confident linguist. With a huge bank of games and exercises, you will practise your reading, writing, listening and speaking skills. Each week you will use six different tasks to practise just one set of vocabulary or phrases. Each task builds on the other so if you do it properly, they'll get easier as you work through them. You must score at least 80% in each task otherwise you will need to re-do it.

We will check that all tasks are completed with an accuracy of at least 80%.

- 4) **Big Ideas That Shape Our World (BITS)** is a programme, created by your teachers at Greenshaw, which aims to broaden your knowledge of the world and its history. At the same time, it will develop the range of vocabulary you have at your disposal and will introduce you to ideas, people, works of art and cultural artefacts that you might not otherwise encounter.

We believe that all of these things are fundamental to your education as an informed and well-rounded member of society.

Each week you will explore a new Big Idea. Your tutor will introduce it on WEDNESDAY in afternoon registration and you will then complete the tasks below as homework.

There are three tasks:

- a) Re-read the article, using the glossary to help
- b) Answer the five comprehension questions
- c) Answer the Big Question - make sure you think hard and aim to write a full page in response

Your tutor will check you have completed all the questions each Thursday.