



ORMISTON DENES ACADEMY

27th September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am very happy to inform you that we have organised for your child to have access to two excellent home learning/revision resources: Sparx and Tassomai. Sparx will be set up for Maths home learning and revision, whilst Tassomai will enable students to access English, Science, History and Geography revision. These are both online tools that will allow your child to study and revise using a programme that is **tailored** to them and allows you to keep track of their progress.

These have been introduced to students as follows:

- Tassomai – Thursday 14th September, **English only**
- Sparx Maths – Wednesday 20th September

Tassomai

At first your child will only be able to access Tassomai for English, and then we will gradually be introducing the other subjects, to ensure that their revision remains manageable. The parent dashboard gives you access to your child's Tassomai Trees – an interactive visual that show your child's growth in their subjects. Selecting red and orange leaves on the tree will bring up the material your child is currently having difficulties with. If you have more than one child using Tassomai at the school, don't worry! You can easily switch between them from your own account. If you'd like more information, you can follow this link: www.tassomai.com/school-parent-info or contact your child's teacher.

Sparx Maths

From the 20th September, your child has been using Sparx Maths to complete their Maths home learning. The majority of this will be based on recently learnt topics, but it will also include some questions from older topics to help with their revision and learning. We know it can be difficult to support your child at home, so every question in Sparx has an additional support video attached so your child can work independently.

Both websites will provide you with feedback about how your child is doing, and we encourage all parents/carers to review their emails to you weekly. Please note you have the option to opt out of these emails at any time, simply by clicking 'unsubscribe from this list' at the bottom of the email.

We encourage students to access both of these home learning portals, as well as a range of other services like their email, through their **Student Launchpad**, the new student intranet, available from launchpad.ormistonden.es.co.uk. Students can access this both at home and at school.

Please be aware the system for managing home learning has changed.

- If your child misses their first home learning deadline, they will be given an extension to take responsibility to complete it.



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- If they fail to meet this extended deadline, they will be booked into a supervised Study Hall to complete the work. If they fail to attend this Study Hall session, their teacher will call home and raise the issue with the curriculum leader for support and further action.
- If the problem persists, or they are failing to complete home learning across a range of subjects, their Head of Year will contact you to arrange a meeting.
- However, they can also take responsibility and make use of the academy's Study Hall independently between 3:10pm and 4:10pm where our Raising Achievement mentors will be happy to assist with revision and home learning.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "CBeales".

Caitlin Beales

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