

Dear Parents and Carers,

At Priory Pembroke Academy, we are committed to *achieving together through consistently high standards and expectations demonstrated through the values of wisdom, courage, generosity, curiosity and passion.* As part of this commitment, we have exciting news about two significant developments at the Academy. We have developed a clear and purposeful approach to homework that supports your child's learning journey and we are launching a revamped rewards system designed to better reflect the values, effort and excellence we see in our students every day.

Why homework matters

Homework provides students with valuable opportunities to practise and apply what they have learned in class, develop time management, discipline, and responsibility, and to prepare for the demands of Key Stage 4 courses and beyond. Homework will support the curriculum that is being delivered in the classroom. Further details of the learning taking place can be found in the Curriculum Bulletin, issued at the start of each module. Information can also be found on the Academy website.

We understand that family life varies, so homework will only be set when it serves a clear educational purpose:

- · Enhancing the core curriculum
- Driving learning forward
- Supporting long-term memory retention

How homework will be set for all year groups

Weekly homework will be assigned in:

- English via Bedrock
- Mathematics via Sparx
- Science via Educake

Students received their login details in September. Homework in other subjects will be set at least once per module. Starting from Module 2, all homework will be visible to parents, carers and students on the SIMs App. We encourage students to also record tasks in their planners.

Feedback and Rewards

We celebrate all homework efforts! Students will receive at least one reward point for completed tasks, with additional points awarded based on the nature of the assignment and teacher discretion.

Some homework will be completed using online platforms that offer instant feedback. Teachers will monitor progress and award points accordingly. For open-ended or practical tasks, students may receive whole-class feedback highlighting strengths and areas for improvement.

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If homework is missed, the class teacher will add a *failure to complete homework* conduct point to the SIMs app. This will notify you, but will not add a behaviour point to their profile. If your child misses a number of homework assignments, their class teacher may contact you to discuss any challenges and offer support.

Support and Accessibility

We want every student to succeed. If your child needs access to resources or a quiet space to work, we offer:

- Homework Club (CL4) Monday and Tuesday.
- Independent Study (Library) Daily from 8:10–8:30am (with breakfast) and 3:05–4:00pm

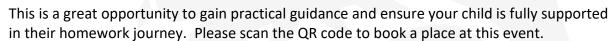
Staff are available during these times to provide guidance and support.

If your child requires additional help, please contact their Form Tutor. If your child has lost their log in details for any online homework platforms, please contact the Head of Subject using the contact details below.

Homework Support Event – Tuesday 18th November 3.30 – 4.30pm

We warmly invite all parents and carers to attend our Homework Support Event on **Tuesday**, **18**th **November 3.30 – 4.30 pm**. During this session:

- Subject staff will demonstrate how to log in and use the online homework platforms (Bedrock, Sparx, Educake).
- A SIMs Helpdesk will be available to assist with any login issues.
- Staff will be on hand to discuss support options for families in receipt of Pupil Premium who may not have access to a device at home.





Pembroke Rewards

After consulting with staff and students, we have redesigned the system to ensure it is inclusive, motivating, and aligned with our school ethos. The new approach offers a broader spectrum of rewards that celebrate not only academic achievement, but also the qualities we value most; wisdom in learning, courage in facing challenges, generosity in spirit, curiosity in exploration, and passion in all pursuits.

The new rewards system is structured into three tiers:

- Rewards for All These are frequent and accessible recognitions for positive behaviour, effort, and engagement. They include verbal praise, postcards home, attendance points, and weekly rewards prize draws.
- House Rewards Earned through our house system, these celebrate collective and individual achievements within each house. Examples include Learner of the Week, House Attendance Hero, and subject competitions.
- Bespoke Rewards These are high-level recognitions for exceptional contributions and accomplishments. They include invitations to prom, reward trips, GCSE trophies, and Head of House awards.

To help visualise this structure, we have created a graphic that outlines the three tiers of recognition. This will be shared with students and displayed around the school to reinforce our shared values of wisdom, courage, generosity, curiosity, and passion.



We believe this new system will help foster a culture of positivity and pride, encouraging every student to strive for their personal best.

The revamped rewards system will officially launch this week, and we will be sharing more details with students during tutor time. We encourage you to talk to your child about the new system and support them in setting goals for the term ahead.

Key Contacts

For general homework, accessibility or rewards queries, please email your child's form tutor using pembrokeenquiries@prioryacademies.co.uk

If further support is needed, you may contact your child's Head of House or the relevant subject contact:

| Head of House | Subject contact |
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| De Clare – Miss Whelan | Mathematics and Sparx – Mr Marashi |
| De Ferrers – Mr Greene | English and Bedrock – Miss Farrell |
| De La Haye – Mr Stansfield | Science Educake – Mrs Daubney |
| De Valance – Miss Harty | Humanities – Miss Hale |
| | Spanish and Languagenut – Mrs Williams |
| | Performing Arts – Mr R Lawson-Smyth |
| | Art and Technology – Mrs Brewer |
| | PE, Computing and Business – Mr Selby |

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child thrive at Priory Pembroke Academy. Yours faithfully,

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