

21 September 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Homework at Grace Academy Solihull - Years 10 -11

At Grace Academy Solihull we know that a student makes the best progress when they continue their learning both in and outside of school, which is why we consider homework to be a key part of our approach to learning. Research collated by the Education Endowment Foundation suggests that students who regularly engage with and complete homework throughout their secondary school education make an average of five months additional progress compared to their peers.

Grace Academy students can access their homework by using the relevant links below;

- Monday: Retrieval quizzes on SMHW plus specific tasks set by each teacher (English): satchelone.com/
- Tuesday: Sparx Science and SMHW: <https://sparxscience.com/>
- Wednesday: Sparx Maths: sparxmaths.com
- Thursday and Friday: Retrieval Quizzes (History and Geography plus specific homework that has been set by different option teachers where appropriate): satchelone.com

Teachers may also supplement the online homework offer with additional paper-based homework to stretch your child's learning.

We would encourage you to build homework into your evening routines and create time and space for your child to complete their homework. If they are unable to do this at home please let us know and we will make sure they have opportunities to do this at school.

Your child's teacher will keep track of how much homework is completed and will use this to support your child in lessons. Each half term a student from each year will be awarded *The Homework Award* for each subject. There will also be prizes for students who are completing homework on a regular basis. Last half term we gave out nearly 100 certificates to students who had made excellent progress from completing their homework and this half term we want to award even more.

To access our homework platforms your child will need to use their school log on details. This will be their account that starts with their AC number. All students have already logged onto Sparx in school and will be able to log in with the same credentials at home.

Students need to log into Chrome on a device using their school email address and their password.

For example to log into Sparx Maths:

- Go to Sparx Maths <https://sparxmaths.com/>

- The login button is in the righthand corner of the page
- Select school - Grace Academy Solihull
- Click Login to Sparx using Google

The process for logging into Satchel One is the same as above:

- Go to <https://www.satchelone.com/v7/login>
- Type the school name (Grace Academy) or enter the school postcode (B37 5JS)

If your child experiences any difficulties in logging in then they should discuss it with their computing teacher, tutor or contact our ICT team at gas-student-ict-support@graceacademy.org.uk

More information on homework at Grace Academy can be found on our website [here](#).

Thank you for your support with encouraging your child to complete this independent learning at home. It is so important that the school, alongside parents/carers, work together to remove any barriers and enable all students to make as much progress as possible.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions around homework on the following email e.smart@gracesolihull.tove.org.uk

Yours sincerely,

E Smart

Erin Smart

Assistant Principal for Teaching and Learning