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Dear Parents and Carers,

Subject: Key Stage 4 (KS4) Home Learning Apps

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone who has been supporting their child with their home learning. Having spoken to parents throughout this half-term, I understand there have been challenges in accessing the various apps/platforms required for home learning. This update provides further explanation on what is required for each subject, how you and your child can access, and how to get support.

KS4 apps/platforms that pupils will be using for home learning are Sparx and Google Classroom, are as follows:

Sparx - used only for Maths.

Google Classroom - for English, Science, Geography, Business, Film Studies, Music, Spanish, Citizenship and Computer Science lessons.

PE Classroom – For PE. Google Docs may be used by PE to share documents with both pupils and parents/guardians.

Note that pupils studying music are expected to do 30 minutes to 1 hour of instrumental practice per day. They often choose to do this at break and lunch times.

Do pupils need to use any other apps/platforms at school or at home?

Various apps/platforms may be used in classrooms and occasionally for home learning as topics and learning styles require. For example, these might include Microsoft Word, PowerPoint and web internet browsers. Pupils also use Unifrog to support careers.

How do pupils access online content?

Pupils use their school Google log-in for all access-controlled online home learning.

Where do pupils go for advice and assistance?

There are two sessions every week to get help with this area: every Tuesday and Thursday lunchtime Mr Thorn is available to all pupils in room CS2.

What information will be available to parents / guardians about schooling and home learning?

MCAS (MyChildatSchool) – part of Bromcom

The main portal for information about school for parents and guardians is MCAS (www.MyChildatSchool.com) which provides information about attendance, academic performance, events and trips details and payments, and to top-up school dinner money accounts. The school also send messages to parents on Bromcom (and via email from ***Bromcom@marshlandhigh.co.uk***) so please check your SPAM or safe sender list/email address book, if you haven't received anything recently.



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Sparx

Parents can find out more about Sparks by following the link: <https://sparxmaths.com/parents/>

The system sends a weekly email detailing a child's homework progress. The email will contain a link to the Sparx Parental Portal and more detailed information about a child's homework performance. Please note this is not a permanent link and it expires after 21 days.

Again, if you are not receiving Sparx weekly emails first check SPAM or Junk folders, as email systems have a habit of diverting bulk emails to there. Add **parentupdates@sparx.co.uk** to your email address book to help avoid emails being diverted from your inbox into SPAM/Junk folders.

Google Classroom

Again, you should receive summary content of upcoming and, where appropriate, missing work, as well as class announcements.

Google Docs

As stated above, documents may be shared with parents via Google Docs.

Unifrog

This is used to support careers lessons. Parents/guardians can set up their own Unifrog account at: <https://www.unifrog.org/parent>

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Parents will have received a letter from the school at the beginning of the school year with instructions on how to set up their access to MCAS, Sparx and Google Classroom.

If you still have queries about the platforms outlined or how to access, you can either contact your child's class teacher or Head of Department in case of specific subject queries, or email office@marshlandhigh.co.uk and your query will be forwarded to the appropriate area.

If I can be of further assistance, please email me directly o.mackett@marshlandhigh.co.uk

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