

Parents’ guide for homework platforms, usernames, passwords and subject deadlines

This document should be used as a guide for families and students when creating bespoke homework schedules. By logging onto Arbor, families and students will be able to create the most effective homework schedule that is personally tailored to individual need.

Aspects to consider:

- On average, students should spend 1 hour per day on homework. This will increase as students’ progress through the College into Key Stage 5.
- Deadlines are normally set for a minimum of 4 College days following specific lessons.
- Some subjects are set twice within the same week (sometimes one day apart) due to when a class/lesson falls.

Electronic platforms:

All homework is set on Arbor. Arbor is the student’s homework dashboard covering all subjects so they can see what is to be actioned, by what date and to mark as submitted once the work has been completed on the other platforms. By submitting as completed on Arbor, this does not necessarily mean that the homework has been completed as it has been tracked on other platforms (Sparx for example), but it is a tick box for the student to track their homework. There are also other electronic platforms which are used by different subject areas. Some require Microsoft logins, which consist of the student’s College email and College password, whereas others utilise a mixture of college set passwords, and the student’s own choice of password. Please see below for more details.

YEAR 7: The students will have the password they have created on a label in their student planners.

Subject	Student Username	Password	URL
Arbor - to access their set homework	School Email Address e.g. joe.smith@mrc-academy.org	Student will have set this themselves. Please make a note of it.	Midhurst Rother College (arbor.sc)
One Drive/School Emails –	Click on the option to log in using Microsoft. Log in with their school email and password. * Students can download Microsoft Office Package from here (Word, Powerpoint, Excel, Outlook etc – click on the icon in the top right named ‘Install and more’)		Home Microsoft 365 (office.com)
Maths Sparx	Select school first then: Click on the option to log in using Microsoft. Log in with their school email and password.		Sparx Maths Student Login

English Sparx Reader	Click on the option to log in using Microsoft. Log in with their school email and password.		Sparx Reader - Home
Science Sparx	Click on the option to log in using Microsoft. Log in with their school email and password.		Sparx Science Login (sparxmaths.uk)
History/English/Geography/ RP Seneca	Click on the option to log in using Microsoft. Log in with their school email and password.		https://app.senecalearning.com/
Music - Focus on Sound	Select school first then your username for Focus on Sound is your first initial followed by your school computer username. e.g. for Sally Tidbury s24satidbury Password: Music2024 It will then give you the option to change your password.	Music2024	Focus on Sound Focus on Sound
MFL - Active Learn	School Email Address e.g. joe.smith@mrc-academy.org	Teacher will have set one and passed to students.	ActiveLearn (pearsonactivelearn.com)
Computer Science (Yr10, Yr11 & Yr12) - Smart Revise	Click on the option to log in using Microsoft. Log in with their school email and password.		Smart Revise Online Home - Smart Revise
Computer Science KS3 (Yr7, Yr8 & Yr9) - IDEA	Click on the option to log in using Google . Log in with their school email and password.		Log in iDEA
Computer Science KS4 (Yr10 & Yr11) - Know It All Ninja	Click on the option to log in using Microsoft. Log in with their school email and password.		KnowItAll Ninja - Gamified homework & revision
AEN Dept Lexia - Power UP	Log in to teacher email with: lexia@mrc.com, then for username it is your 1st name & initial of surname (e.g if Joe Smith it will be joes)	Password is: year and the number of your year group (e.g. if you are Year 7 then your password would be Year7).	Device Setup - PowerUp (lexiapowerup.com)
Unifrog	Log in with school email address.	Initial password will be sent to their school email and can be reset from there.	Unifrog - The universal destinations platform.

KEY STAGE	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday/Sunday
Subject Deadline Day			Maths pm Science am	KS 3 English Sparx reader	Geography	
3	Maths Technology	History Science	English Geography Computer Science	RP Languages	Art Drama Music	Maths English
4	English Maths	Science Option Choice 1	Maths Option Choice 2	English Option Choice 3	Science Option Choice 4	Maths English
5	All Key Stage 5 students should develop a home study schedule alongside their timetable and study period schedule					

The subjects listed here are mainly for core subjects, other subjects will have deadlines that relate to the students' timetables, deadlines on Arbor should be used in these subjects.

Suggested Deadline Days

The timetable below is not mandatory and only suggested. However, it may help families and students when balancing personal schedules and deadlines for homework.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Subject deadlines			Maths pm Science am	KS 3 English Sparx reader	Geography