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10<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

## KS3 Rewards Trip – Blackpool Pleasure Beach

We are delighted to be able to inform you that we are holding our annual 'KS3 Rewards Trip' to **Blackpool Pleasure Beach on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023**. Unfortunately, despite places being allocated proportionately, places will be limited, predominantly due to a shortage of coaches available, therefore places will be issued on a first come, first served basis. Due to this being a 'KS3 Rewards Trip', there is a milestone that our students need to achieve.

Therefore, if your child is interested in having the opportunity of securing a place, they must demonstrate that they are consistently engaging with Sparx Maths, ensuring that 100% completion is achieved on everything that is set between Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023 and Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023. All students will start afresh in this regard as of Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023, so every student will have a fair chance and the opportunity to be eligible.

From a recent study, students using Sparx Maths made 83% more progress with just 15 minutes of practice (in comparison to those who did not practice). For each further 15 minutes of practice, students made 67% more progress. Furthermore, external research conducted by 'RAND Europe and Cambridge University' found that using Sparx Maths for one hour a week significantly improves grades. Sparx Maths also supports students from disadvantaged backgrounds at the same rate as other students.

On Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023, more information on securing bookings will be provided to students who are eligible. In addition to the above criteria, the attendance and behaviour of your child will also be taken into consideration.

There are several ways in which you can support your child with Sparx Maths:

- Even if your child thinks they will answer incorrectly, they should make the first attempt on a question without assistance. This will enable the teacher to see what they are working on, and also helps Sparx Maths determine their level.
- Each question is accompanied by a help video. Watching the video with your child is a great way to support and encourage them with the question.
- If your child gets a question wrong three times, Sparx Maths will suggest they seek help. The teacher will also be notified that they need help with this particular question.
- You should receive a weekly email from Sparx Maths, which includes an update on how much your child has completed as well as anything outstanding from the previous few weeks. Most importantly, the email will contain a link to a short video that you can watch and use to help support your child.

Yours sincerely

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