

14th September 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

As part of the English curriculum this year, all students in Years 7, 8 and 9 will have a weekly reading homework designed to improve their reading skills, including reading fluency, comprehension and vocabulary.

Reading homework will be set each week on the Sparx Reader platform. All students have access to this platform and have been shown how to use it. Students can log in using their school email address and password. If a student has forgotten their password, they should speak to their form tutor as soon as possible to have it reset.

The homework requires students to achieve 300 Sparx Reader Points (SRP) by reading a book selected on Sparx Reader that matches their reading level. Students earn points by reading a section of their book and successfully answering questions about what they have read. Achieving 300 SRP is equivalent to approximately 30 minutes of focused reading each week.

Students will need access to the internet and a device to complete this homework. Alternatively, homework can be completed at Homework Club, which runs on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday as part of our Session 6 programme.

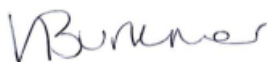
Research consistently shows that regular reading improves attainment across all subjects, and Sparx Reader allows us to support students in developing strong reading habits while monitoring their progress.

For more information about Sparx Reader and how it works, please watch this short video:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jq8O-DYTNOw>

Sparx Reader homework will be set every Thursday and will be due the following Thursday at 8am. Students are expected to complete 100% of the assigned task each week. The first Sparx Reader homework will be set on Thursday 17th September and will be due on Thursday 24th September.

If a student experiences any difficulties completing their homework, they should speak to their English teacher or form tutor as soon as possible so that appropriate support can be provided. If you have any questions regarding Sparx Reader, please do not hesitate to contact the English Department.

Kind Regards



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