

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Re: Launch of Sparx Reader for Year 7 Students**

I am delighted to inform you that after Easter, we will be trialling Sparx Reader with our Year 7 students. Sparx Reader is an innovative online reading programme designed to improve students' comprehension, vocabulary, and overall reading ability by providing personalised book recommendations based on their reading level.

To launch the programme, Year 7 students will attend an assembly on 25th April, where they will be introduced to Sparx Reader. All students will complete a Sparx reading test next week during one of their English lessons. This has been organised, and English teachers will communicate the details to students via ClassCharts. The results of this test will allow the platform to assign books that are appropriately matched to each student's ability.

There will be a two-week period from 28th April – 6th May, during which students will familiarise themselves with the programme. After this, from 12th May, they will receive a Sparx Reader homework task every week as part of their independent learning.

**The benefits of Sparx Reader include:**

- **Comprehension testing:** Students are tested on their understanding of what they read, teaching them to engage carefully with texts and develop critical reading skills.
- **Encouraging a love for reading:** The programme provides plenty of book choices, ensuring students can read books that interest them while challenging their abilities.
- **Personalised book recommendations:** The platform assigns books at the right level for each student, keeping them engaged and progressing.
- **Improved vocabulary and reading fluency:** Exposure to a variety of texts enhances language skills across all subjects.
- **Parental updates:** You will receive regular updates on your child's reading progress, allowing you to support and encourage them at home.
- **Teacher insights:** The programme enables teachers to track students' progress and provide additional support where needed.

We believe that strong reading habits are fundamental to academic success, and we are excited to see the positive impact this initiative will have. If you have any questions about Sparx Reader or how you can support your child with their reading, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your continued support in fostering a love of reading among our students.

Yours sincerely,

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