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Dear Parents/Guardians

Relaunch of Sparx Reader for Year 8

We are pleased to let you know that we are now moving to a full launch of Sparx Reader with our Year 8 students. Students should already be familiar with the programme from year 7. Over the first half of this term, students have completed an updated reading test, which allows the programme to reassess their current level and ensure that the texts they are offered are accurately matched to their ability.

Students access Sparx Reader using the same login details they use for Sparx Maths.

After completing the test, each student is given a choice of four books at their level. Students can change books at any time if they are not enjoying their selection. The programme promotes careful reading by asking students to answer 3–4 comprehension questions at the end of each section to check understanding and engagement.

From next week, Year 8 students will begin receiving weekly Sparx Reader homework via their English class on Classcharts. Each assignment will ask them to gain a minimum of **300 Sparx** points through reading on the programme. Homework will be set every Tuesday and students will have one week to complete it.

Students are encouraged to continue reading beyond the weekly minimum. Those who read carefully after completing their homework can earn Gold Reader points, working towards a Gold Reader Pass, which allows them to log their own independent reading through the platform. We will also be tracking and celebrating the highest points earners within English classes and across the year group, with rewards for students who demonstrate exceptional commitment.

Regular reading is one of the strongest predictors of academic success. It improves vocabulary and comprehension, broadens subject knowledge, and develops the focus and resilience needed across the curriculum. To support all students in strengthening this habit:

- Any student who does not complete their weekly homework will be asked to attend a 40-minute catch-up session on Wednesdays after school, in room F1.



- A drop-in support session is available in F1 at break time on Mondays and Tuesdays for anyone who needs help logging in or using the programme.
- Sparx Reader can be accessed on a computer, phone, or tablet. If access to devices is a barrier, students are welcome to attend Homework Club in B1 after school to complete their work.

We are excited to continue building a strong culture of reading with Year 8, and your support in encouraging your child to complete their Sparx Reader homework each week will make a real difference.

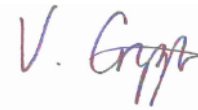
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