

15th September 2021

Work hard. Be kind.

Dear parent/carer,

I am writing to inform you that all of Year 7 have now been enrolled in the English SPARX Reader programme alongside Year 8 and will be completing a portion of their English Independent Study online. You may be aware that Maths exclusively had their own SPARX programme with which students are engaged and enjoy. We are delighted that English now has its own version to aid progress in literacy and reading. Year 7 students will be receive class codes in their English lessons to join online over the next week.

How it works

- Students will read part of a book each week online (which they have chosen from the given options) and then answer targeted comprehension questions.
- Students will be assigned a selection of texts from the programme based on their current attainment. It is tailored individually to each student.
- SPARX Reader will take the place of the 'SPARX Reader' slot on a Friday for both Weeks A and B. This homework task should not take any more than twenty minutes - the same amount of time that is required for Knowledge Organiser tasks. Each SPARX Reader task will be set on a **Friday** and will be due on the following **Friday**.
- Merits will be awarded for completion.
- A same day catch-up session will be issued for **Friday evening between 15.00-16.00** if incomplete.
- Students will use the same log-in details for both Maths and English SPARX.
- If students are having any issues with the programme or struggling they must speak to myself or their English teacher **before the Friday deadline**.

The aim is that students will settle into a routine with both SPARX Maths and Reader over the course of the week and this will reflect positively in the Maths and English classrooms. If your child has any questions about the SPARX Reader programme or needs technical support they can discuss with their English teacher in class or can come and see me directly.

Yours sincerely

Mr Ford
Teacher of English

