



Dear Parent/Carer,

As you will be aware, all scholars in KS3 access Sparx Reader homework each week. Sparx Reader promotes careful reading and supports with reading comprehension and our aim to ensure all scholars read 10,000 words a day, developing both their knowledge and vocabulary skills.

To further support our scholars in their access to, and completion of, Sparx Reader, we will be making some changes to the homework schedules. These changes are listed below:

Class of 2030 (Year 7)

The Sparx Reader homework schedule for this year group will remain the same; homework goes live on Fridays at 3pm and is due on the following Friday at 8am. **To support any scholar who has not been able to complete their homework so far that week, they will be invited to Homework Support on Thursdays at 3:10pm to ensure their timely completion.** This change will come into effect from the start of half-term 4 (19th February) with the first homework support session of the half-term being on Thursday, 22nd February.

Class of 2029 and 2028 (Year 8 and 9)

Scholars in Co2029 and 2028 will see a change in their homework schedule. It will now be set on a Wednesday at 3pm, due in for the following Wednesday at 8am. **To support any scholar who has not been able to complete their homework so far that week, they will be invited to Homework Support on Tuesdays at 3:10pm to ensure a timely completion.** To support these two year groups with this schedule change, their final date with a Friday completion (as has been the schedule since July 2023) will end on Friday, 2nd February. Their new homework schedule will be live on Wednesday, 7th February with the first homework support session being on Tuesday, 20th February 2024.

This information will also be communicated with scholars during their English lessons.

This schedule will remain in place each week until the end of the academic year. We do not expect scholars to complete Sparx Reader during half term breaks, therefore no homework is set, however scholars will still be able to access their eBooks on Sparx Reader and accrue SR points, should they wish to do so. If scholars require any support completing their Sparx Reader homework during the school day, they should be advised to speak with their English teacher or myself. We offer Sparx Reader support every lunch time in R319, upstairs in the English block, where there is access to computers.

If you have any queries relating to Sparx Reader, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards

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