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Dear Parents/Carers

We are excited to let you know that we have partnered with Sparx to start using their new reading platform; Sparx Reader. Your child will be using Sparx Reader to complete weekly home learning.

Your child's home learning will be set each Monday and then due in each Friday. This is a 20-minute piece of reading home learning.

Sparx Reader helps every student to achieve regular independent reading, which is incredibly important for building vital literacy skills.

Students can choose from a range of e-books at their appropriate level, and as they read they will answer questions to check they are reading carefully. Careful readers earn points, meaning that they can track their progress and climb the league table!

Motivated readers who demonstrate consistent, careful reading can unlock Gold Reader status. This means they can then read any paper book from the library or from home by scanning in its barcode.

#### How do they log in?

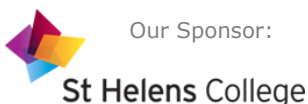
- Students log in at [sparxreader.com](https://sparxreader.com). They log in using their Sparx Maths details, or they can choose to log in using their Microsoft details.

#### What devices are supported?

- Your child can access Sparx Reader on any device that connects to the internet with a web browser.

#### How can I support my child with their reading?

- Sparx Reader adapts to each student's reading level, and so it is important that you **do not** help by answering questions for them. If you help them, Sparx Reader might think they are a very strong reader and show them books that are too difficult.
- You can however, help to provide a quiet space for your child to focus on their reading home learning each week.
- The best way to support your child is to ask them about the book they are reading; what aspects they are enjoying, or what characters and events they have recently read about.



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## How can I monitor the reading my child is doing?

- You are able to keep track of the reading that your child is doing, by clicking through the link to the Parent Portal in your Sparx Maths weekly home learning email.
- On the Parent Portal, you can choose to view home learning progress for any Sparx learning system your child is using. For Sparx Reader, you can see progress with the current and previous home learning, and browse books that your child has been reading as part of their current home learning.

## What support is available at the academy?

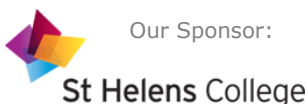
- Year 7 Home Learning Club - Tuesday in room DG02 from 2.40pm - 3.30pm.
- Home Learning Club – Every afternoon at the end of the day, at 2.40pm, in room EG02.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr Lovelady or Mrs Dempsey at the academy.

Kind regards

Mrs E Dempsey

Assistant Principal



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