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Dear parents and carers,

Re: Students in Years 7 to 9 – Sparx Reader

As part of our ongoing efforts to raise standards of literacy for all of our students at Kelvin Hall, we are excited to launch a new Homework initiative called [Sparx Reader](#).

Sparx Reader is an online platform in which students can access a wealth of texts from home, specifically chosen to improve reading engagement and reading efficiency for them.

As they read, students answer regular questions, helping them to stay engaged in the story. Readers then earn Sparx Reader Points (SRP) and can compete with others to climb the league table. As a department, we will be offering regular rewards for students who have completed the most effective reading.

Over the coming weeks, students will complete a baseline assessment within their English Lessons to determine their reading scores. The program will then automatically select the most appropriate texts for students to read and improve making it accessible to readers of all levels.

Homework will be personalised to all students using this online platform, and we ask for your support in encouraging your child to engage with the platform regularly and complete 30 minutes of focused and effective reading each week. This will not only improve your child's reading but also improve student accountability and independence in readiness for revision later in Years 10 and 11.

Your child's classroom teacher will closely monitor reading progress and homework completion, but as parents, you can also monitor your child's engagement using the parent portal available with Sparx. This will also remind you when homework is set and due.

To log on, students will need an Internet connection and access to a computer, tablet or even smartphone. If this is an issue, the library is open to everyone at break and lunchtime and in the future, we may look at a Sparx Homework club for students to access the system here in school using our Chromebooks. They can log into their Kelvin Hall Google Email account and then search Sparx Reader. They can then select "Log in using Google" and they are all set to go with no need for more login details and passwords to remember.

Alternatively, your child can log in directly, using the link here: [Log In](#)

Thank you in advance for your support, and if you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at school on 01482 342 229.

Kind regards,

Mr Ellis
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