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Dear Parent/Carer

Following the success of Sparx Reader last year, we are delighted to be continuing to use the programme with our Year 9 students. We would really appreciate your continued support in encouraging your child to complete their weekly reading.

Your child's Sparx Reader homework will be set on a **Wednesday** and will be due the following **Wednesday** every week.

Sparx Reader helps every student to develop a regular habit of independent reading, which is incredibly important for building vital literacy skills and supporting progress across the curriculum. Students have access to a wide range of genres, including classic texts. This may mean that they encounter books that are more challenging than their usual wider reading choices and gives them the opportunity to discover books they may not necessarily have chosen for themselves.

Students can choose from a range of eBooks at an appropriate reading level. As they read, they will answer questions to check that they are reading carefully and understanding the text, an essential skill for their future GCSE English courses.

Careful readers earn Sparx Reader Points (SRP), allowing students to track their progress and climb the league table! Classes will have their own league tables, alongside a whole-year-group league table.

How do they log in?

- Students can log in at Sparx Reader or through the Sparx Reader app.
- They should use their **Microsoft login**, which is the same login they use for Sparx Maths and Sparx Science.

How can I support my child with their reading?

- Sparx Reader adapts to each student's reading level, so it is important that you do not help by answering questions for them. If someone else answers the questions, Sparx Reader may incorrectly assess their reading level and provide books that are too difficult.
- Help your child to find a quiet space where they can focus on their reading homework each week.
- Ask your child about the book they are reading. You could ask what they are enjoying, which characters they have met or what has happened recently in the story.
- Encourage your child to read aloud occasionally so that you can hear how they are progressing.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us to develop confident, enthusiastic and successful readers.

The English Department