

Reading Strategy

Woodhey High School Reading Strategy 2024 - 2025

Intent:

- 1) A culture where we are all teachers of reading
- 2) Close the reading gap between chronological and actual reading ages
- 3) Foster a love of reading for pleasure for all students.

1. A culture where we are all teachers of reading

Why?

“The ability to read is a fundamental life skill. It is essential to us all if we are to participate fully in society and the workplace. Pupils with poor reading struggle to read independently, and so read less. As a result, they do not accumulate the background knowledge and vocabulary they need to improve their comprehension. It is therefore harder for them to access the curriculum in secondary school, because the required levels of literacy rise rapidly beyond primary school”.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/now-the-whole-school-is-reading-supporting-struggling-readers-in-secondary-school/now-the-whole-school-is-reading-supporting-struggling-readers-in-secondary-school>

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2. Close the reading gap between chronological and actual reading ages

Why?

“Without identification of their reading needs and targeted additional teaching, pupils who arrive in secondary school as poor readers are likely to continue to struggle. As the secondary curriculum places increasing demands on reading comprehension, older pupils who struggle with reading comprehension do not catch up. Each year, only 10% of disadvantaged children who leave primary school with their reading below the expected standard get passes in English and mathematics at GCSE”.

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2. Close the reading gap between chronological and actual reading ages – these are the 3 Tiers of support we deliver

Tier 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Quality First Teaching Methods e.g., whole-class reading strategies
Tier 2 (Curriculum Support)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1:1 reading for all students with a reading age of <7. This is with Curriculum Support staff during Form Time.• Lexia Support - assistance with fluency rates, word reading accuracy and efficiency, grammar and comprehension. To reinforce reading and understanding – progression from 1-1 reading.
Tier 3 (Curriculum Support)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Phonics Programme (Fresh Start – Read, Write, Inc) - Students with reading ages of <6.

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Why?

Selected Key findings from the National Literacy Trust's Annual Literacy Survey 2023

Reading enjoyment:

- Just 2 in 5 (43.4%) children and young people aged 8 to 18 said they enjoyed reading in their free time in 2023. This is the lowest level since we first asked the question in 2005.
- Fewer children and young people who receive free school meals (FSMs) said they enjoyed reading compared with their peers who do not receive free school meals (39.5% vs. 43.8%).

Reading frequency:

- Fewer than 3 in 10 (28.0%) children and young people aged 8 to 18 said that they read daily in 2023, matching levels seen in 2022.
- Fewer children and young people who receive FSMs said they read daily compared with those who don't (24.1% vs. 28.9%).

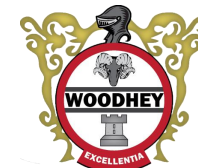
Children's reading environment:

- Within the 8 to 18 age group, 1 in 2 (52.9%) told us they had been encouraged to read by their parents/carers. 3 in 5 (58.4%) had seen their parents/carers read, while 1 in 5 (19.9%) had read with their family.
- Nearly three times as many children and young people who perceived their reading environment to be supportive said they enjoyed reading compared with those who perceived it to be less supportive (63.9% vs. 25.4%), while twice as many read daily in their free time (41.7% vs. 17.7%)

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/research-services/research-reports/children-and-young-peoples-reading-in-2023/>

Actions: ADO to conduct pupil voice activity to capture data regarding reading enjoyment, frequency and environment for Woodhey's population. To do before start of Aut. 2.

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HOW?

At Woodhey we use **Sparx Reader** which is a reading, comprehension and vocabulary programme that gets all young people reading regularly to help improve their literacy.

WHY Sparx Reader?

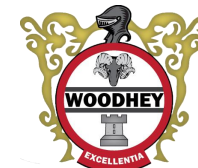
For students ...

- Sparx Reader provides checks for your students to ensure that they are reading carefully.
- Sparx Reader Points are personalised to each student by working out their reading speed. This ensures that points are awarded fairly to students of all abilities.
- Students will have access to a wide range of eBooks on the platform from a variety of genres. If they become a 'Gold Reader' then they can read their own paperbacks.

For staff ...

- Complete visibility over what students are reading each week You will be able to see their full reading history.
- Useful Insights into how students are doing with their reading, including a reading age estimate that evolves as students read on the platform.
- Can set homework for reading e.g., 30 minutes a week and students can earn Sparx Reader Points.

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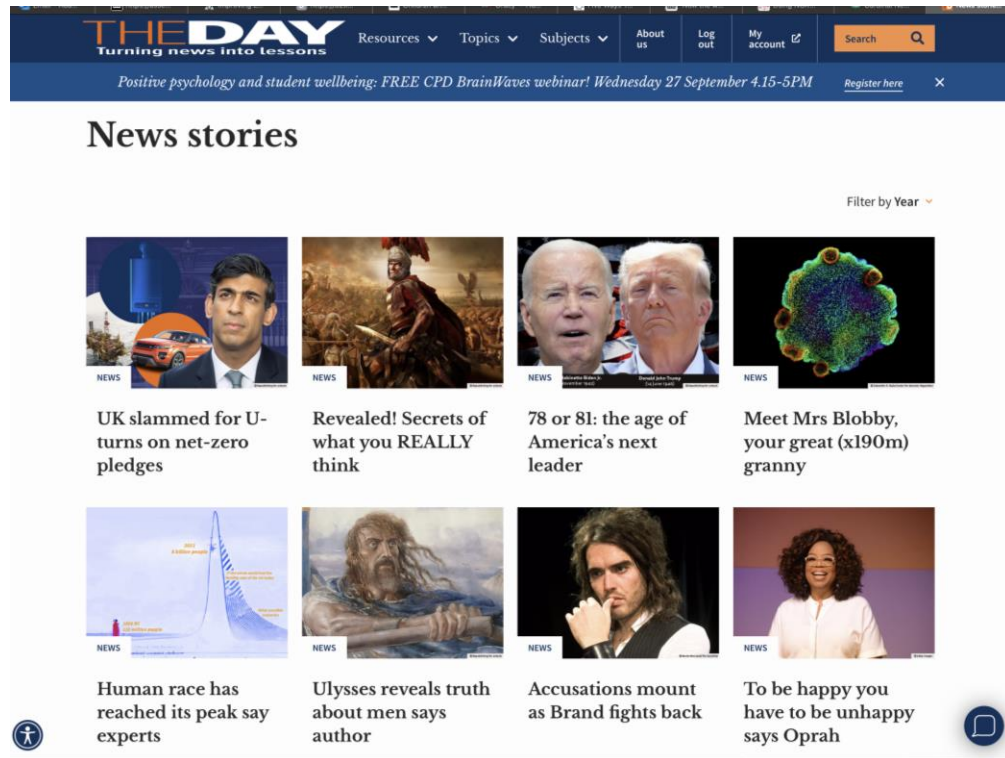
HOW?

- Students have 45 minutes of reading to do each week. If students do this, they will earn 450 SRPs (Sparx Reader Points).
- We have developed a rewards system e.g., class trophy for the most SRPs to encourage engagement.
- Reading can be done during form. This can be monitored by tutors (via classroom app) and staff.
- Families can encourage students to read at home in order to reach their 45 minutes target each week.

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- From SPR. 1, students will be expected to read in their own time. Reading will still be monitored by staff.
- Looking to explore online non-fiction reading and articles that promote understanding / awareness of the world during Friday Form e.g. The Day.
- The following slides show how we can monitor students reading on Sparx.
- Families can ask their son/daughter how they are progressing with their reading – look at the reading dashboard on SPARX



Home



Library



League



Vocab

Gold
Reader< My Library > Choose a new book

The Jewelled Jaguar

by Sharon Tregenza | Mystery | Wales | Family

With his hospitalised mother in a coma, Griffin has to stay with the uncle and aunt he hasn't seen in years. His cousin Cinnamon doesn't want him there... [Show more](#) ▼

Start book



The Clockwork Crow

by Catherine Fisher | Fantasy | Gothic | Historical

Tomos has been missing for a year and a day, and if the strange and dangerous Family have really taken him, who would be mad enough to try and get him... [Show more](#) ▼

Start book



Pete and the Five-a-Side Vampires

by Malachy Doyle | Sports | Paranormal | Humour

Pete and his faithful companion, Blob the Basset Hound, love to go a-wandering in the pitch-dark night. But they get more than they bargain for when t... [Show more](#) ▼

Start book



Elen's Island

📅 Set date:

Tue 7th Mar, 00:15

📅 Due date:

Mon 13th Mar, 23:45

🎯 Target:

300 SRP

✓ Complete:

27/30

Student	Homework completion ^			Accuracy ⓘ	Book	Previous homework					
🔍 Alan Steinbeck	<div></div>	8%	25 / 300 SRP	-	-	✓	✓	26%	✓	✓	✓
🔍 Marley Blake	<div></div>	47%	143 / 300 SRP	Excellent	The Cats We Meet Al... >	✓	✓	12%	✓	✓	✓
🔍 Martin Twain	<div></div>	100%	300 / 300 SRP	Excellent	Lost on Mars >	✓	✓	64%	✓	✓	✓
🔍 Aston Poe	<div></div>	100%	300 / 300 SRP	Low	My Name is River +3 >	✓	✓	✓	39%	✓	✓
🔍 Miya Angelou	<div></div>	100%	331 / 300 SRP	Low	Gaslight >	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
🔍 Skylar London	<div></div>	100%	337 / 300 SRP	Excellent	Room 401 >	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
🔍 Carter Dickens	<div></div>	100%	347 / 300 SRP	Good	Wilderness Wars +2 >	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
🔍 Klay Adams	<div></div>	100%	936 / 300 SRP	Good	Animal Farm +1 >	-	-	✓	✓	✓	✓
🔍 Lilly-may Williams	Optional only			0 SRP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

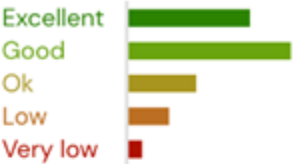
Average reading age estimate ?

13 years 7 months

Average reading speed

175 wpm

Accuracy ⓘ



Average number of words read

62,416

Student ▾	Reading age estimate ⓘ	Sparx level ⓘ	Speed (wpm)	Accuracy ⓘ	Total SRP	Total words read
Bowie Christie	13 years 11 months	8.3	183	Excellent	5,805 SRP	60,832
Abigail Kafka	–	9.0	89	Ok	2,463 SRP	15,706
Ben Steinbeck	15 years 6 months	9.4	103	Excellent	4,500 SRP	38,992
Jace Poe	13 years 4 months	7.7 ⭐	385	Excellent	12,444 SRP	219,976
Mikayla Blyton	11 years 5 months	5.0	249	Ok	5,115 SRP	51,364
Celeste Chekhov	12 years 7 months	6.8	204	Good	6,455 SRP	66,498
Esther Huxley	12 years 1 month	5.9	190	Ok	10,430 SRP	80,659
Leland Bronte	11 years 1 month	4.5	207	Ok	6,124 SRP	58,904
Shayaan Adams	7 years 6 months	1.0 🗝️	157	Excellent	6,638 SRP	27,605
Farrah Auden	14 years 10 months	9.1	308	Good	6,215 SRP	106,667
Joy Plato	15 years 3 months	9.3	179	Excellent	2,324 SRP	30,795
James K...	15 years 4 months	9.5	145	Good	2,225 SRP	30,222

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Library based reading lessons through English lessons:

- Years 7-9 1 per fortnight
- Year 7 - 1 hour per every 2 weeks
- Year 8 – 1 hour to Feb Half term then ½ hour to summer per week
- Year 9 – ½ hour to February then 1 hour every week to summer

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Enhance opportunities for whole school Reading Focus – this is what students can access through the library:

- Library – SSH attached to the Communication Faculty
- Students access to library – any year group can access any day
- Lunchtime clubs – Monday Lego, Tuesday Pokémon, Wednesday LGBT, Thursday chess, Friday Scrabble/Uno
- Afternoon 3-4pm clubs – Monday board games, Tuesday craft, Wednesday Reading Club, Thursday Warhammer, Friday Dungeons and Dragons
- Wednesday Book Clubs – wk1 general, week2 Marcus Rashford – aimed particularly at boys

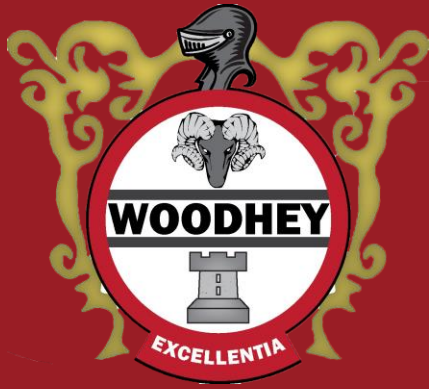
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Library Events To Promote Love of Reading:

- October European Day Of languages – Bake Off 7th October
- World Book Day – March – 3-day event in the hall
- Book Fair – Scholastic
- National Poetry Day
- Display books to match themes in PSHCE
- Bolton Children's Book Awards



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