



10th September 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We're excited to let you know that we've partnered with Sparx Learning to start using their new reading platform, Sparx Reader.

It's really important to us that young people are able to practise careful, silent reading without distraction. Sparx Reader reassures us as teachers and parents that focused reading is happening, and that readers of all abilities feel successful and motivated.

From Monday 29th September your child will be using Sparx Reader to complete weekly homework.

Your child's homework will be set on Monday at 9 am and will be due on Saturday at 8 pm every week (excluding holidays).

Students can choose from an appropriate range of e-books at their reading level and as they read, they'll answer questions to check they're reading carefully. Careful readers earn points, meaning they can prove they've been focusing and ultimately climb the league table!

Motivated readers who demonstrate consistent, careful reading can unlock Gold Reader. This means they can 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. They will need to find their school and log in using their Sparx Maths details.

Which 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, so it's important that you don't help by answering questions for them. If you help them, Sparx Reader might think they're a very strong reader and show them books that are too difficult.
- You can help by providing a quiet space and a set amount of time for your child to focus on their reading homework each week.
- The best way to support your child is to ask them about the book they're reading; which aspects they're enjoying, which characters and events they've recently read about or what they think could happen next.

How can I monitor the reading my child is doing?

- You are able to keep track of your child's reading by clicking through the link to the Parent Portal in your Sparx Maths weekly homework email.
- On the Parent Portal, you can choose to view homework progress for any Sparx Learning system your child is using. For Sparx Reader, you can see progress with the current and previous homeworks, and browse books that your child has been reading as part of their current homework.
- When your child finishes their book, we will send you an email celebrating their achievement!

What support is available at St Clement's High School?

- If students have any difficulty with completing their homework, they can speak to their English teacher. Alternatively, students can email me at l.franklin@stclementshigh.org.uk.
- If students would prefer to complete their homework in school, they can use the library at break and lunch time on Mondays and Tuesdays. They will also have a scheduled library lesson once a fortnight they can use to complete Sparx Reading homework.
- If students persistently miss the deadline, detentions may be given out.

If you have any questions, please contact Miss Franklin using the email address l.franklin@stclementshigh.org.uk

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laure Franklin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Miss Franklin
(2nd in English Dept.)