



Wednesday 8th November 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We're in the process of finalising our home learning strategy, which we will share in full at a later date. As you are aware, your child has been using Sparx Maths to support their learning in Mathematics. We are excited to let you know that we've partnered with Sparx to start using their new reading platform, Sparx Reader. From **Monday 13th November** your child will be using Sparx Reader to complete weekly homework and reading in the Academy.

Your child's homework will be set on Monday and due on Sunday every week. We will be setting students a total of points each week. As a guide 10 points equates to 1 minute of reading. They will be set the points as follows:

Year 7- 500 points (50 minutes)

- Approximately 200 points (20 minutes) in the Academy
- Approximately 300 points (30 minutes) for home learning

Year 8 and 9- 900 points (90 minutes)

- Approximately 600 points (60 minutes) in the Academy
- Approximately 300 points (30 minutes) for 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 ebooks at their appropriate level and as they read, they'll answer questions to check they're reading carefully. Careful readers earn points meaning they can track their progress and 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 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.

What devices are supported?



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 however help to provide a quiet space 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; what aspects they're enjoying, or what characters and events they've recently read about.

How can I monitor the reading my child is doing?

You are able to keep track of the reading your child is doing 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 homework, and browse books that your child has been reading as part of their current homework.

What support is available at Livingstone Academy Bournemouth?

Mrs Burder is the Reader Leader at the Academy. You can direct any questions or issues directly to her at lburder@livingstone-aspirations.org or to their advisor who will be overseeing their engagement.

Homework club is now available on Monday from 3-4pm if you think that your child would benefit from attending this to do their Sparx reading.

For students who do not complete their reading at home, we will be holding reading catch up sessions on Friday afternoons at 3-4pm. We will notify you in advance of your child is required to attend.

Kind regards,

Mrs Burder
Livingstone Academy Bournemouth