



Wath Academy

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Dear Parent / Carer,

Sparx Learning

Developing a love of reading continues to be a key aspect of our curriculum intent at Wath Academy, and we are always keen to develop new strategies to support students' reading. This term, we have partnered with Sparx Learning, to start using their new platform, Sparx Reader. Sparx Reader is an online platform which provides students with access to a wide range of age-appropriate eBooks and helps to promote careful, focused reading.

Students can log into Sparx Reader using their existing Sparx Maths details or by using Microsoft 365 log in from the Wath Academy homepage, via any device with internet access. Once logged in, students will be able to choose from a range of eBooks selected based on their own reading ability.

Each week, students' form tutors will set them a homework task, which will require them to complete 20 minutes of careful reading of one of the books from the eBook library. As students read, they will answer questions generated by Sparx Reader, to ensure that they are reading carefully. This homework will be set on a weekly basis through Satchel One and homework points will be added by form tutors each Monday. Students will be introduced to the programme during tutor sessions in the two weeks from week beginning Monday 20 January 2025 and weekly homework will be set from Monday 10 February.

We encourage you to watch a series of short videos explaining what Sparx Reader is, how it works and how you can support your child with developing their reading, this guidance is available via the link below:
[Sparx Reader - A parent's guide to Sparx Reader](#)

We are very excited about this opportunity to further develop students' reading skills, and enable them to become more confident, fluent readers. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at araiathatha@wathacademy.com or kboyd@wathacademy.com

Yours sincerely,

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