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Principal: Mr L Taylor

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Dear Parent/Carer,

The Sutton Community Academy English Department has some new and exciting updates regarding **Sparx Reader**.

As we move into the new academic year, we would like to reiterate that access to this resource improves students' comprehension, exposes them to ambitious vocabulary, and encourages the imagination and creativity needed for success. Therefore, students will be expected to complete their weekly personalised Sparx Reader homework to 100% completion.

Homework will be set from Friday to Friday; this means that the first homework task will be due by 8:00am on Friday 18th September 2026. Students can log in through the student portal; they will also have access to the library during break times if they wish to complete their homework during break times.

Students who do not achieve 100% completion will be required to attend a compulsory after-school homework intervention on Wednesdays from 3:00pm to 4:00pm in IT2. Notifications regarding these sessions will be issued via Class Charts. Should your child not attend their intervention, this will then be escalated to a detention. As always, we appreciate your ongoing support in helping to enhance your child's learning.

A common misconception is that students who read regularly at home do not need to complete their Sparx Reader homework. While we strongly encourage and celebrate independent reading and promote the use of our library, Sparx Reader checks students' understanding through personalised comprehension questions and adapts to their individual reading level. Sparx Reader also offers a range of fonts and overlays to support students with additional needs, which we will be demonstrating during tailored sessions in the first half term.

In addition, we will be awarding positives for completion, presenting end-of-term certificates during rewards assemblies, running inter-tutor competitions, recognising a Sparx Star Reader of the Week, maintaining leaderboards, and awarding Recommended Reader certificates to acknowledge students' hard work and determination.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's English teacher via Class Charts.

Yours sincerely,

Miss J. Brunt

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