



HARTLAND HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Hartland High School families,

We are excited to inform you that your child will be using Sparx Reader to complete their weekly Reader homework. Sparx provides highly personalised homework to students, tailored to their individual attainment level and working speed.

For year 7 and 8 students, homework will be set on Friday, due in on the following Friday. Detentions will run on Mondays, from 3-3.30pm.

For year 9 students, homework will be set on Tuesday, due in on the following Tuesday. Detentions will run on Tuesdays, from 3-3.30pm.

Students log in at sparx.com by finding their school, clicking 'log in to Sparx using Google' (blue button below) and entering their school username and password.

Log in as a student or teacher

 Log in to Sparx using Google

or

Use your Sparx login

Username:

Password:

Sparx can be accessed on any device that connects to the internet with a web browser. All students have had an opportunity to log in to Sparx at school already this week, during tutor time or lesson time.

Please note that for year 7, 8 and 9 **only Sparx Reader** is currently set; we will introduce Sparx Maths later in the year.

We understand how important your child's success is to you. Below, you'll find information about Sparx Reader, along with practical advice on how you can support them to complete their homework each week.

What is Sparx Reader?

- Students choose from a range of age-appropriate ebooks at their reading level and, as they read, they will answer questions to check that they are reading carefully.

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- Students receive immediate feedback for each question about whether their answer was correct or they need to have another try. Careful readers earn rewards via Sparx Reader Points for completion and effort.
- Motivated readers who demonstrate consistent, careful reading can unlock 'Gold Reader'. This means they can read any book of their choice and log their reading by scanning the book's barcode within Sparx Reader.
- Sparx Reader reassures teachers and parents that focused and careful reading is taking place, and that readers of all abilities feel successful and motivated.
- Homework will only be marked complete when the Sparx Reader Points target has been met
- Students can continue reading beyond their allocated Sparx Reader Points - there is no limit to the time they are allowed to spend reading!

How can you help your child with their homework?

- Provide a quiet space for your child to focus on their homework, with minimal distractions.
- Encourage your child to start their homework early.
- Please let them attempt questions independently. Sparx Reader will automatically adjust the level of questions provided based on your child's answers.
- If your school has parent emails enabled, keep track of your child's progress within their homework by checking the weekly email sent to you from Sparx.
- You can also find out more about Sparx Reader on the dedicated parent page - www.sparxreader.com/parents

What is the process at Hartland High School?

- Students get a week to do their homework from when it is set
- Students are reminded in the morning on the day that the homework is due if it is incomplete. They are reminded to attend homework club at lunch time in a computer room in the school.
- Detentions are sat at 3pm the following day

If a homework is showing as not 100% complete a detention will be logged by the head of department. Teachers are able to see how much time is being spent on each question (and if the computer has simply been left on!) and will not set a detention if the student has genuinely attempted the work and spent more than 1 hour on their homework.

Alongside the lunchtime homework support, please can I remind you that homework club is available after school on Monday, Tuesdays and Wednesdays in B15. Students can attend and complete their Sparx Reader here if they choose to.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me on lmorgan@hartlandhigh.co.uk.

Yours faithfully,
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