



All Saints'

Roman Catholic High School,
A Voluntary Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer,

At All Saints' one of the ways in which we support pupils in improving their reading ages as well as promoting a culture of reading for pleasure, is through our interactive digital reading program called Sparx Reader. The program is designed for students to build reading stamina, literacy skills and fluency through regular, independent, and personalised practice. Reading is a key skill that supports students in accessing the full curriculum and achieving the best possible outcomes at GCSE.

Research into the use of Sparx Reader has shown that when students engage with the program regularly each week, it can lead to significant improvements in reading age over time. Pupils can improve their reading age by up to two years each academic year by accessing Sparx Reader for 30-60 minutes per week. By practising reading consistently and answering comprehension questions, students develop their fluency, vocabulary and understanding of texts. The expectation at All Saints' is that pupils achieve 600 Sparx Reader Points (SRP) each week from Monday to Sunday. This equates to approximately 60 minutes of careful reading per week.

As a school, we will also regularly reassess students' reading ages and they will be published in future pupil progress reports. We also have Sparx Leaderboards displayed in classrooms and on the school Facebook page. Pupils will also be rewarded in assemblies for their engagement.

To access Sparx Reader, please follow these simple steps;

- Search 'Sparx Reader' on Google
- Click 'Log In'
- Search 'All Saints RC' - then select our school
- Click the blue tab 'Log in to Sparx using Microsoft'
- Enter school email and password (save these to speed up the process in future)
- Select your book and enjoy reading!

Alternatively, Sparx Reader can be accessed through the 'Quick Links' tab on the school website;
<https://www.allsaintshigh.lancs.sch.uk>

We appreciate your support in encouraging your child to read at home.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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