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LIPSON ACADEMY YEAR 7 NEWSLETTER



AT A GLANCE

Friday, September 26

Macmillan Cake Sale

Friday, October 24

Break up for two-week half-term

Monday, November 10

Return to school

Tuesday, November 11

Remembrance parade

Wednesday, December 10

Non-Pupil day

Monday, December 17

Year 7 Data Drop

Friday, December 19

Last day of term (finish at 12.30pm)

Tuesday, March 31

Year 7 parents' evening

WELCOME!

From Miss Mcvicker, Head of Year 7

WELCOME to all of our families of Year 7.

What an incredible start the students have made!

We are so proud of how our students have transitioned into secondary school life. We can now build on the amazing first impressions they have made as they continue their journey here at Lipson.

Your support as a family is vital to help us achieve the very best for your children.

I cannot thank you enough for that.

ON Friday, September 26, Year 7 will be hosting our Macmillan Coffee morning for cancer support, a charity close to many of our hearts. Please encourage your child to support this by bringing in cash on the day to buy cake and/or bringing in some bakes.



EVERY SCHOOLDAY COUNTS

0 days off school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off School each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off School each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off School each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off School each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off School each year	85%	Very Concerned
5 days absence over the whole year 97% - 100% Good chance of success and progress	20 days absence over the whole year 90% Less chance of success Harder to make progress	20+ days absence over the whole year Under 90% Detrimental to success and progress

LOST LEARNING



5 MINS EACH DAY = 3 DAYS LOST!
10 MINS LATE EACH DAY = 6.5 DAYS LOST!
15 MINS LATE EACH DAY = 10 DAYS LOST!
20 MINS LATE EACH DAY = 13 DAYS LOST!
30 MINS LATE EACH DAY = 19 DAYS LOST!

Figures calculated over one school year

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"If your child is not here, they cannot learn."

ATTENDANCE

EXCELLENT attendance is pivotal to your child's success. Quite simply, if your child is not here, they cannot learn. As a mum, I know it is really difficult to make that call sometimes. However, we ask, wherever possible, that your child makes their way into school.

187 Year 7 students have 100% attendance - well done!

If your child is too poorly to attend, please ring/contact the absence line on 01752 671318, option 1, or speak to Student Services on option 2, or email studentservices@lipson.plymouth.sch.uk.

Please be aware that, if your child is not feeling 100% they can still come in and paracetamol/calpol can be left at reception if a parent signs to permit we can administer it.



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“We cannot monitor use of social media outside of school. This is the responsibility of parents/carers.”

SHOUT-OUTS

FREDDIE B-T - wow!

We were blown away by Freddie's confidence and articulate manner when talking to over 300 parents and children about his experience of transition at our recent Open Evening event for Years 5 and 6. We are so proud of you, Freddie - thank you.



On the same evening, many of our year 7 students who have only been with us for two weeks, volunteered to be ambassadors either within departments or as tour guides. Again, we are so proud of all of them. They conducted themselves so well and were a credit to you all.

Thank you to: Hamish B, Daisy B, Zac S, Dylan K-Y, Ewan P, Cassie H, Ruby G, Isabella L, David A, Vivian W, Olivia Q, Lily-Rose C, Oscar H, Bobby B, Julia G, Lily H, Scarlett C, Daisie P, Adam A, Tomi E, Isla L, Millie W, George T, James B, Rowan L, Aaron K, Bryan A, Victoria O, Hiruka J, Jess M, Rheanne D.

LIPSON HOUSE SYSTEM

Miss Glew

YEAR 7 have had an assembly with Miss Glew and Mr Joint to be introduced to the Lipson House System. The system aims to be inclusive for all students; encourage friendly rivalry within Year 7 and beyond; and offer opportunities across the school through a variety of competitions and activities.

Throughout the year, students can take part in house events linked to different subjects, showcasing their talents; trying new challenges; and contributing to their house's success. We are excited to expand the house system this year, making it bigger, better, and more engaging for everyone.

This year's Year 7 tutor groups are in the following houses:

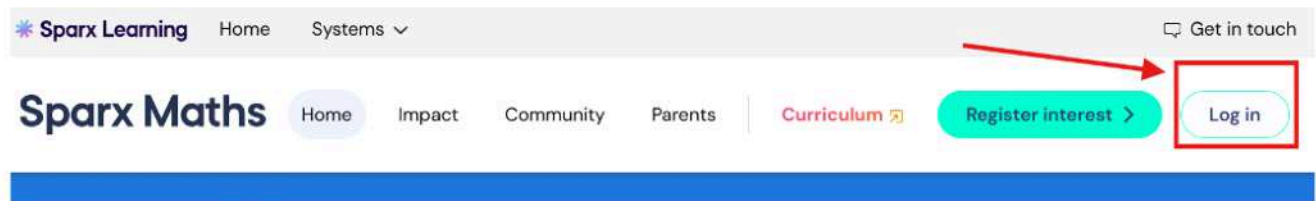
- House Daymond: 7SS and 7ABS
- House Leslie: 7HNG and 7SDN
- House Smeaton: 7SWN and 7RAS
- House Mayflower: 7SJO and 7GMN

We look forward to seeing Year 7 students embrace their house identity; get involved in upcoming events; and make the most of this exciting opportunity. We encourage you to ask your child which house they are in and to follow their journey as they take part in the events and activities ahead.

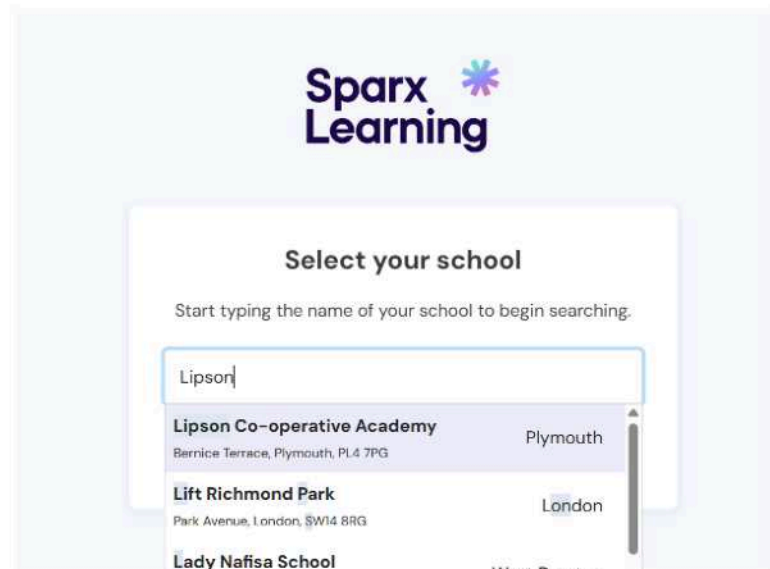


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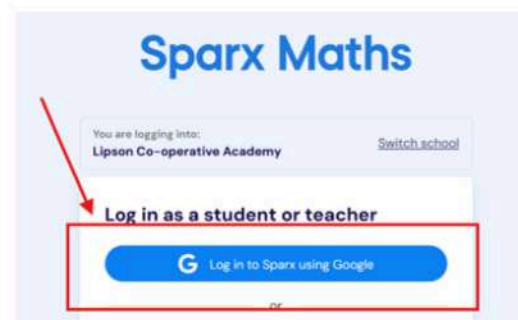
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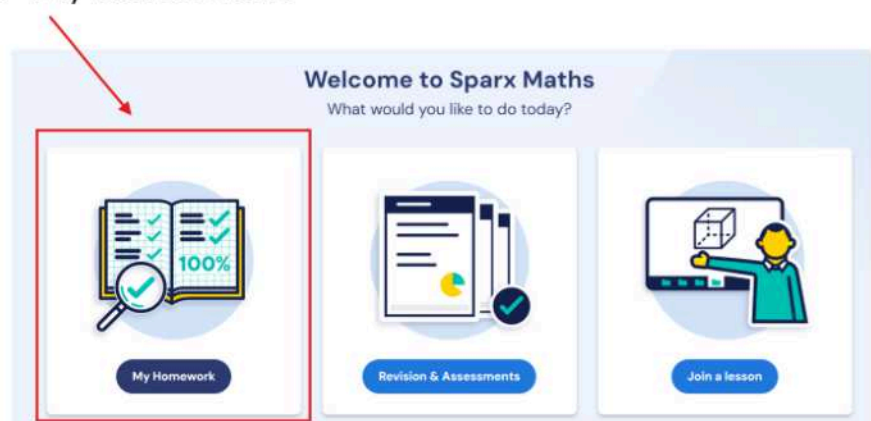
2. Click Login
3. Type in our School and select it in the list



4. Click the blue button at the top that says Log in to Sparx using Google



5. Log in using your school email address and password.
6. When logged in click "My Homework"



YOUNG CARERS

Miss Price and Mr Hicks

STARTING secondary school is an exciting step – and we want every young person in our community to feel supported.

Some of our students are Young Carers: children and young people who help to look after a family member with an illness, disability, mental health condition or addiction. Their caring role can be practical (helping around the house); emotional (offering support and reassurance); or a mix of both.

At Lipson, we are proud to have a strong Young Carers network. We:

- Meet regularly so students can support one another and share experiences;
- Offer social opportunities to build friendships and enjoy time away from caring responsibilities;
- Provide tailored support: in the lower years, this often means creating a safe space and building connections, while, in the upper years, it can include guidance with study schedules; exam preparation; and even support with university or apprenticeship applications.

We know that caring can sometimes make school feel more challenging, and our goal is to ensure that no young person feels alone in balancing their role at home with their education and social life.

If you think your child may be a Young Carer, please let us know by emailing youngcarers@lipson.plymouth.sch.uk. Identifying them early means we can make sure they have the right support in place as they settle into Year 7 and beyond.



CONTACTS

PLEASE remember, if you need to contact school, your first point of contact is your child's tutor. I am lucky enough to have an incredible team of tutors and I have listed their email addresses below. In addition, you can also contact our Progress Team, who will be pleased to help you:

studentservices@lipson.plymouth.sch.uk

7ABS anna.billings@lipson.plymouth.sch.uk (Miss Billings)

7HNG helen.netting@lipson.plymouth.sch.uk (Miss Netting)

7SDN simon.diskin@lipson.plymouth.sch.uk (Mr Diskin)

7RAS richard.abrams@lipson.plymouth.sch.uk (Mr Abrams)

7GMN gavin.martin@lipson.plymouth.sch.uk (Mr Martin)

7SSS sam.stubbs@lipson.plymouth.sch.uk (Mr Stubbs)

7SWN steve.watson@lipson.plymouth.sch.uk (Mr Watson)

7SJO sam.jones@lipson.plymouth.sch.uk (Mr Jones)

PLEASE make contact if you would like to celebrate/query/ask a question or bring our attention to another matter. We love to celebrate achievements and interests outside of school, too!

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Miss Mcvicker HOY 7, Mrs Jones Deputy Head,
Mrs Usher Year 7 Progress Team