



# YEAR 7 NEWSLETTER



## AT A GLANCE

**Friday, October 24**

*Break up for two-week half-term*

**Monday, November 10**

*Return to school*

**Tuesday, November 11**

*Remembrance Parade*

Thursday, November 19

*Cinema Reward Trip*

**Wednesday, December 10**

*Non-Pupil Day*

Friday, December 12

*Christmas with the Community event*

**Monday, December 17**

*Year 7 Data Drop*

**Friday, December 19**

*Last day of term (finish at 12.30pm)*

Monday, January 5

*Return to school*

**Tuesday, March 31**

*Year 7 parents' evening*

## INCREDIBLE!

*From Miss Mcvicker, Head of Year 7*

IT has been an incredible first term for our Year 7 students and they have made me so proud in the start to their secondary journey.

It has been a busy time. Along with getting used to new routines, systems and expectations, our wonderful students have been volunteering their time; raising money; swimming; receiving rewards; and eating waffles!

My thanks to all families for your continued support to enable us to deliver our core purpose.



**MANY of our Year 7 students were rewarded with golden tickets recently for their commitment to our PERK values - Prepared, Engaged, Respectful, Kind.**

**Students were treated to Mila's Bakery brownies. for their efforts - yum!**



# MACMILLAN CAKE SALE

Thank you to all students who helped out with the Macmillan Bake Sale; there are far too many to list! So many were kind enough to bake at home and bring in their goods to sell.

On top of all that we were supported by our generous families as students enjoyed the delicious bakes.

We raised an amazing £460.05 for Macmillan Cancer Support. A special mention to all those who helped to make this a success - baking, selling, buying and eating!



# SHOUT-OUTS

MIA Burford from 7ABS attended the BDO Dance competition at Taunton recently, when Mia and her partner won first place in their Duos.

Mia attends Rhythm City Dance Company, where she specialises in House and Street choreography along with Poppin' and Lockin' for 5.5 hours of dance each week. Mia has worked really hard over the last year and this is her reward.

BDO is the British Dance Organisation, who go all over the UK putting on these competitions.



## LIGHTS, CAMERA, WRITE!

### ***Mr Phillips***

THE Year 7 Film Review Competition was a blockbuster hit!

We were blown away by the amazing entries. Students reviewed everything from animated adventures to superhero sagas, all with flair and originality. The range of writing styles was just as impressive as the variety of films chosen, showing real creativity and critical thinking.

A huge thank you to the English Department for running this fun and engaging competition during lesson time; it was a fantastic opportunity for students to combine their love of film with their writing skills.

As one member of Film Club mentioned to me this week:

"It was so much fun getting to write about a film I love. I've not done this before, we got to be creative and have our own voice!"

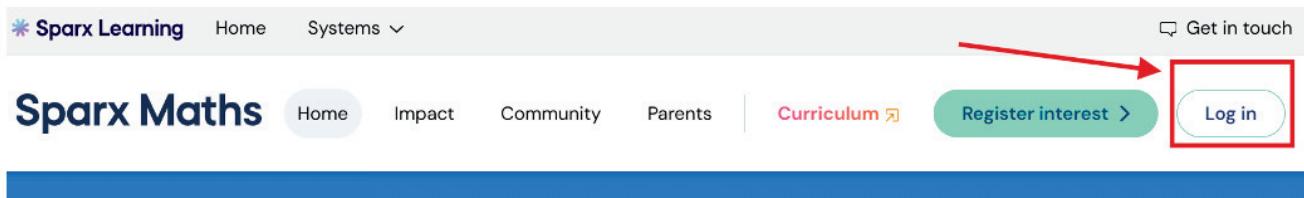
Well done to everyone who took part—you really brought the magic of the big screen to the page!

Winners will be announced on our social media channels.

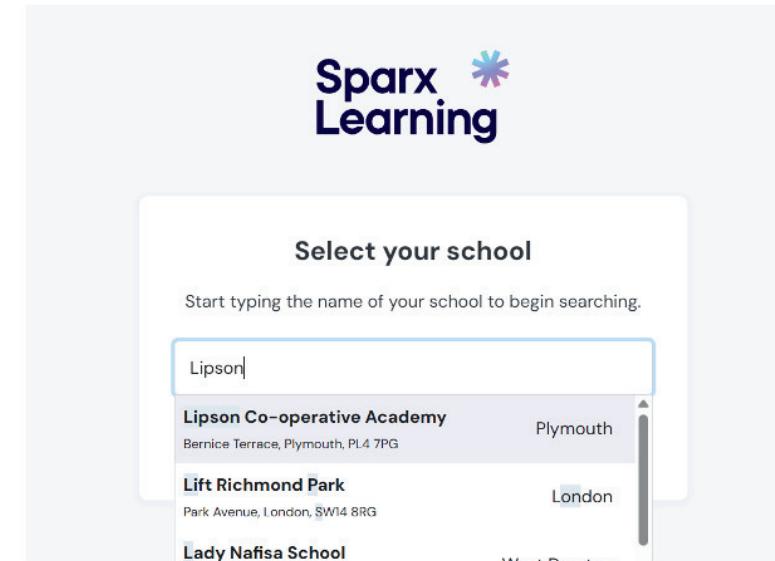
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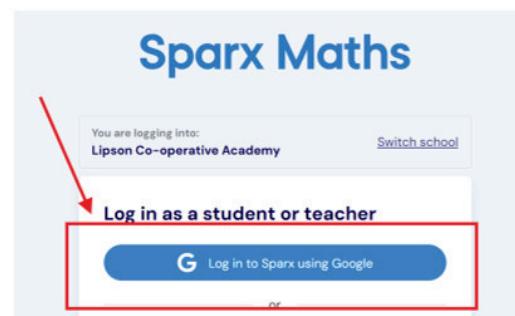
1. Open the website <https://www.sparxmaths.com/>



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

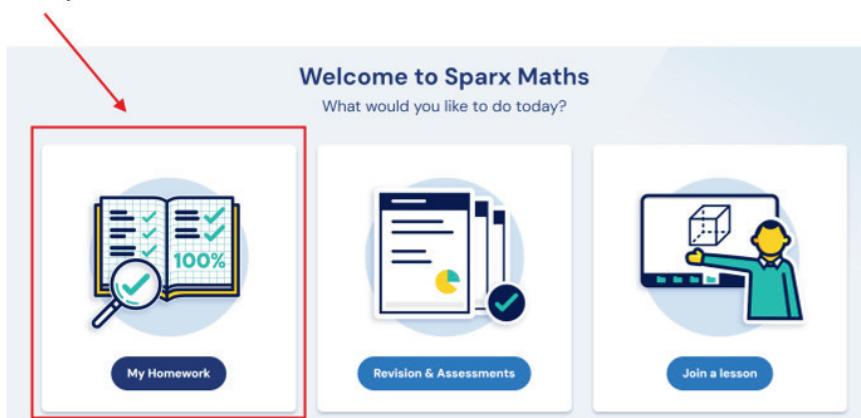


4. Click the blue button at the top that says Log in to Sparx using Google



5. Log in using your school email address and password.

6. When logged in click "My Homework"



# 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.

125 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](mailto: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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## EVERY DAY COUNTS

Why attendance is important...

**BELOW 90%**

- Significantly reduced chance of success!
- The chances of obtaining five good GCSE grades (grade 4+) is almost halved!
- Possible risk of fines and court action!

**95% - 90%**

- Up to one month of school missed!
- Below 95%: On average, a drop in at least one GCSE grade in every subject!

**100% - 96%**

- High attendance leads to improved achievement!
- You are giving your child the best chance of success!

**There are 175 non-school days in the academic year -**  
That's plenty of time to go on visits, holidays, go shopping and to other appointments.



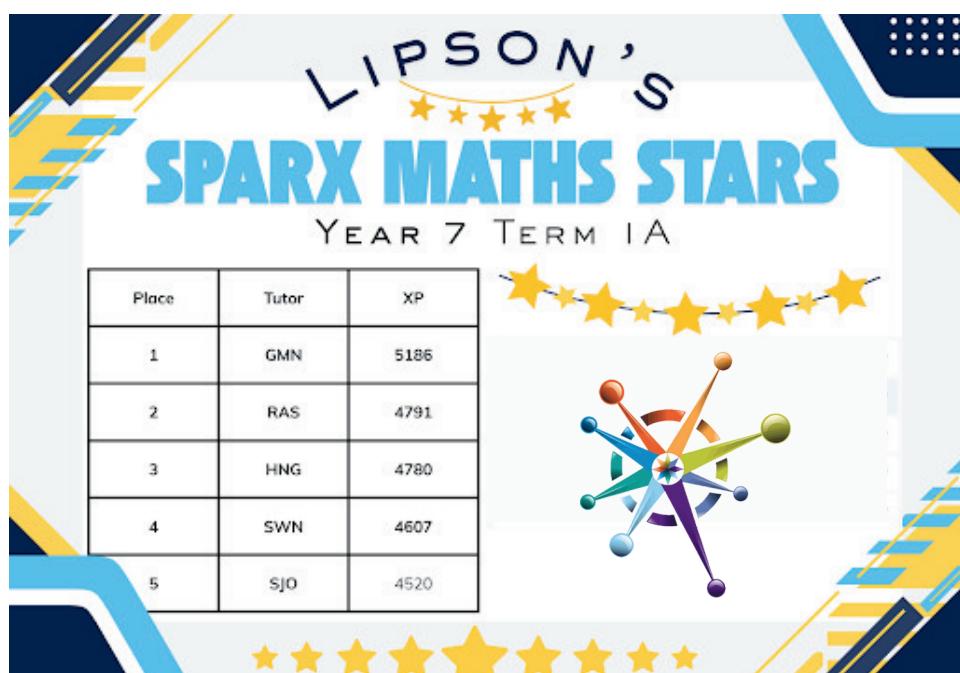
## SPARX

CONGRATULATIONS to all students who have embraced SPARX reader this term. However, a special mention must go to the following top three students - incredible commitment:

Vivian Wallis: 8,595 SRP; Ibrahim Balogun: 6,393 SRP; Makayla Okwuma: 5,914 SRP

Well done to our Maths superstars!

*Sparx reminder:  
same username  
and password  
as school email*



LIPSON's  
**SPARX MATHS STARS**  
YEAR 7 TERM 1A

Place	Tutor	XP
1	GMN	5186
2	RAS	4791
3	HNG	4780
4	SWN	4607
5	SJO	4520

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# CELEBREKKIE

ON Thursday, we held a celebration breakfast for 125 students who have 100% attendance.

Lots of waffles were eaten and the students were rewarded with some 'down time' with their peers.

I look forward to our next celebration where we will reward improved attendance and positive behaviour.

Well done, all!

# ENRICHING LIVES

PLEASE see our timetable of extra curricular activities. Please encourage your child to take part in something they maybe interested in.

## LIPSON ACADEMY ENRICHMENT CLUBS 2025-26

**BREAKFAST CLUB** is open every day from 7.30-8.30am in the Upper School Dining Hall

MONDAY			WEDNESDAY		
VOLLEYBALL CLUB	GYM	AFTER SCHOOL	FOOTBALL TEAM TRAINING (Y7&8)	ASTRO	AFTER SCHOOL
STRENGTH & CONDITIONING CLUB	FITNESS SUITE	AFTER SCHOOL	SIXTH FORM FOOTBALL (Y12&13)	PLAYING FIELD	AFTER SCHOOL
BOOK CLUB (all years)	LRC	AFTER SCHOOL	NETBALL CLUB (all)	SPORTS HALL	AFTER SCHOOL
HOMEWORK CLUB (all)	LRC	AFTER SCHOOL	COME AWAY FROM (all)	MUSE	AFTER SCHOOL
MINECRAFT MASTERMIND CLUB (all)	ROOM 222	AFTER SCHOOL	KS3 ART CLUB	ROOM 56	AFTER SCHOOL
RUGBY CLUB (Y7&8)	PLAYING FIELD	AFTER SCHOOL	THURSDAY		
COOKING CLUB	ROOM 130	AFTER SCHOOL	CCF CADETS	CCF	AFTER SCHOOL
SWIMMING (Y7)	POOL	AFTER SCHOOL	BOYS FOOTBALL OPEN SESSION (all)	ASTRO	AFTER SCHOOL
FOOTBALL TEAM TRAINING (Y9&10)	ASTRO	AFTER SCHOOL	MATILDA (Y7&8)	MUSE	AFTER SCHOOL
CULTURE CLUB (all)	ROOM 225	BREAK 2	BASKETBALL CLUB (all)	SPORTS HALL	AFTER SCHOOL
TUESDAY			FILM CLUB (Y7)	ROOM 55	BREAKS 1 & 2
RUGBY CLUB (Y9&10)	PLAYING FIELD	AFTER SCHOOL	FRIDAY		
IMPROV CLUB (all)	ROOM 75	AFTER SCHOOL	Y11 & SIXTH FORM BASKETBALL		
DRAMA ACADEMY	MUSE	AFTER SCHOOL	SPORTS HALL		
DT CLUB (Y7&8)	ROOMS 62&65	AFTER SCHOOL	AFTER SCHOOL		
GIRLS FOOTBALL CLUB (all)	ASTRO	AFTER SCHOOL			

 **BADMINTON** SPORTS HALL **BREAK 1** EVERY DAY  **TABLE TENNIS** GYM **BREAK 2** EVERY DAY

#LipsonLife

## KICKING OFF THE SEASON IN STYLE

### Mr Joint

THE Year 7 football team made a fantastic start to their season with a dominant 10–2 victory over Sir John Hunt in their very first competitive match.

Right from the first whistle, the team showed energy, teamwork, and determination, and, by half-time, had already stamped their authority on the game, going into the break with a strong 5–1 lead. Quick passing, solid defending, and some excellent finishing gave them the edge early on.

The second half saw even more confidence from the team as they continued to press forward and add five more goals to their tally. The defence stayed sharp and the goalkeeper made some great saves to keep the opponents at bay, only conceding once more.

It was a real team effort, with multiple players getting on the scoresheet and everyone playing their part. A brilliant start to what promises to be an exciting season – well done, Year 7, into the hat for the next round of the National Cup!

**Squad:** Alfie Summerfield, Owen O'Kane, Caison Appleton, Jack Deacon, Thomas Smoker, Kian Collins, James Bain, Tomi Egbegulu, Charlie Harris, David Adebayo, Freddie Sutton, Henry Buckley.

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# DAISY B FOOTY SUCCESS

DAISY joined a new football team this season - Hunters District Under-13s.

She has always been a great defender but her new team have challenged her with the position of a winger. She has taken to this new position amazingly, scoring several goals for the team; earning herself the 'Coaches Player' award twice; and helping her team win three out of four matches so far!

Good luck to you and your team for the rest of the season Daisy!



## A FANTASTIC START

### ***Mrs Law and Mrs Garland***

WE are delighted to share that the Year 7 girls have made a brilliant start at Netball Club this term!

Each week, we have seen a fantastic turnout, with a group of enthusiastic and energetic students coming along to develop their skills; make new friends; and enjoy playing as a team.

Many of the girls are new to netball, but their confidence and ability are growing each week. They have been learning the basics of passing and footwork whilst also building great teamwork and communication on the court.

It has been wonderful to see such a positive attitude from the girls, with experienced players supporting those who are just starting out. The atmosphere is fun, friendly, and inclusive - exactly what we hope for in our school clubs.

We are excited about the Year 7 team that we are producing and are already looking forward to our central venue matches starting later on in the term. A big well done to all the girls who have taken part so far.

If your child wants to give netball a go, there is still time to join. Every Wednesday after school until 4.15pm.

See you then!

*INTERESTED in playing Netball outside of school?  
Plymouth Stars Netball Club are looking for new players to join their team from age 7 up to 16.*

*You get two free taster sessions before any commitment.*

*Please collect a flyer from the PE office with all the details, if you are interested.*

# RUGBY

## *Mr Mitchell*

*“So proud of these lads, competing against some quality opponents from across the city!”*

WHAT a start for this group of future rugby stars.

They have been brilliant from the very first PE lesson to turning up every Monday and Tuesday after school (in all weathers!) so that they could learn new skills and develop a team bond that has been unbreakable this term. So proud of these lads, competing against some quality opponents from across the city!

To progress them even more, the majority of this team has played for the year above also. Taking on not only full contact rugby (some for the first time) but also showing so much confidence and bravery that are beyond their years.

Very proud of you boys! Keep turning up and working hard



## THE TEAM

**George Thompson:** Captain fantastic! Organiser, leader and role model!

**Cole Chambers:** Vice-Captain. From 'Up North' VERY lucky to have such a talent down South! Excellent at everything, even his taste in music on the bus!

**James Berry:** Great with his hands, quick with his feet, nothing fazes him!

**Bohdi Partridge:** Flying winger, great speed and very allusive just like his namesake from the epic 90's film!

**JJ Jones:** Powerhouse, with great awareness. Scores and creates.

**Logan Giles:** The General. Great strength, fearless in the tackle, moves with speed and grace. The Raging Bull!

**Brandon Williams:** Nobody can stop him! An immense rugby talent.

**Ivan Evans:** Speedster! Just really hard to tackle, loves to attack at any opportunity!

**Koa Williams:** What a player. Impossible to stop. Wins the ball every time! Gets better and better

**Jimmy Owen:** Always smiling, always attacking. Great performances so far.

**Ishaq Ali:** The rocket! Creator of our attacks, amazing handling skills, nothing fazes Ishaq! Quality!

**Ibrahim Balogun:** Work rate is phenomenal, scores beautiful tries! One of the quickest players in the team. Never stops talking!

**Harlyn Blake:** Fearless and Fast. Loves a sidestep, what a player!

**Eric Sprague:** The safest pair of hands on the team. Never drops a ball. Mr Reliable.

**Boluwatife Coker:** Always willing to run through teams, even when they have four or five players trying to stop him.

**Dylan Koffi Young:** Naturally gifted sportsman. Elegant and fast!

# BIKEABILITY

IN the week beginning Monday, December 1, Year 7 students are invited to complete their Level 2 & 3 Bikeability training with the Plymouth Schools Sports Partnership.

Please use the QR code below to sign up your child for this brilliant opportunity.



# LEVEL 3 BIKEABILITY

LEVEL 3 BIKEABILITY

100 PLACES AVAILABLE  
REGISTER YOUR  
INTEREST ON THE QR  
CODE OR LINK

DATES: WEEK BEGINNING 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER (1 DAY)

TIME: 8.40AM - 3.00PM



[HTTPS://FORMS.OFFICE.COM/E/AAVMBQSCS](https://forms.office.com/e/AAVMBQSCS)

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## 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](mailto:studentservices@lipson.plymouth.sch.uk)

**7ABS** [anna.billings@lipson.plymouth.sch.uk](mailto:anna.billings@lipson.plymouth.sch.uk) (Miss Billings)  
**7HNG** [helen.netting@lipson.plymouth.sch.uk](mailto:helen.netting@lipson.plymouth.sch.uk) (Miss Netting)  
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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

# VOLLEY GOOD SHOW

## *Mrs Garland*

SHOUT out to Makayla O, Mercy O, Shine A, Victoria O, Vivian W and Zara M-B, who have engaged at volleyball club this year.

It is great to see you enjoying the club, learning new skills and demonstrating your resilience, especially when it can be a little tricky! Keep up the great work.

Volleyball Club is open to everyone, so we would love to see some new faces - Monday after school until 4:15pm.



# DANCE, DANCE, DANCE

## *Mrs Garland*

MRS Garland's Year 7 PE group have been lucky enough to receive some expert dance lessons from Sam, who comes in from Rhythm City.

The girls have really taken to it and, as you can see from the photo, they have really got stuck in!

All students have fully engaged with the hip-hop and bodypopping style moves and have totally shown me up as they are far better than I will ever be!

Even those students who were not fully confident at the beginning are now able to relax and show us their amazing moves!

Big thanks to Sam for being so enthusiastic with our girls and a huge well done to my lovely PE group.

If anyone would like to try some street style dance outside of school, please collect a flyer for Rhythm City from the PE office. Your first taster session is free with the flyer.

## FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Online Application

Plymouth City Council



<https://new.plymouth.gov.uk/free-school-meals-0>

YOU may be entitled to free school meals, even if you have been unsuccessful with a previous application.

To find out, please follow the above link.



2025 TED WRAGG



## CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

CHOCOLATE & HOBBYCRAFT VOUCHERS TO BE WON



Winning designs made into the  
official Trust Christmas Card

DIGITAL DESIGNS WILL BE TURNED INTO A

VIRTUAL SINGING XMAS CARD



- If you want to design a card come along during **Tuesday morning break** and **Tuesday lunchtime** to Room 58 in Art!
- Winning entries will not only receive Chocolate and Hobbycraft vouchers, but their designs will also be made into the official Trust Christmas card - with shortlisted designs transformed into a virtual singing card!



**Deadline: November 17**

**Entries (minimum A5 size, can be photographed if larger)**

**Please see Mr Pyrke for more details**