

Dear Parent,

At John Spence we feel independent study by students is integral to success at exams. All year 9 students will complete their end of Key stage 3 exams during the week of 13th January. The process was introduced to students last week in an assembly from Mr Burnip. This week the school has shared the revision materials with students to help prepare them for these exams. Students therefore have 2 teaching weeks before the exams to revise.

I am writing to you to share with you the work we are expecting students to complete in order for you to be able to support your child through this process. After Christmas year 9 students start considering the subjects they would like to study at GCSE and the outcomes from year 9 are a valuable part in helping students to make their decisions. Below is information from the subjects that have an exam, a timetable has also been included in this pack.

All homework should be completed by the 13th January.

Subject	Details
English	Extracts and questions are available to read on SMHW with a bullet point list of revision tasks. You do not need to print anything off. Read the extracts and make notes on how to answer each question. Look at the writing task and prepare a plan - you could also write it up as a first draft. There are some useful videos to watch on SMHW which will support your revision. In addition to this, during the first week back after the Christmas holidays, you will be reading and annotating the extracts with your teacher. They will advise you on how to answer each question. They will help you to plan towards the writing task.
Maths	On SMHW students will find a list of all the topics that the exam paper will include. If there are any topics a student is unsure of they are to use Hegarty maths to watch the videos and complete the revision tasks.
Science	During next week students will have a revision lesson, at this time they will be provided with revision materials, they are to use these to revise and produce revision posters. Some students may also be provided with extra questions for practise. All revision materials are available on SmHW
History	Students to complete the revision booklet, section 3, on Nazi domestic policy
Geography	Students have to revise all work studied since September (Earthquakes and Tsunamis), which is then also interleaved with work they have learnt in Y7 (Rivers and Waterfalls) and Y8 (Grid references and population - Rural to Urban migration and the Demographic Transition Model). Work is already on SMHW and students need to complete the sheets.
MFL	Students will be given a revision workbook with practice tasks which will include comprehension, translation and an extended writing task similar to the one given in the exam. They must use the model answer and the word bank in order to write a paragraph advertising their home town.
Cultural studies	Students have been given a sheet that details which topics they need to revise and produce revision materials for. A copy of the sheet can be found on SMHW

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