

KS3 assessment and revision details 2025/2026 (Year 9)



Subjects	Topics to be assessed	Assessment details e.g. length and type of questions	How students should revise
English	<p>The test will assess core knowledge from previous years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detective tropes • Gothic literature • Dystopia • Key literary terms • Shakespeare <p>Reading skills will be assessed using an unseen extract where students will answer comprehension questions</p>	<p>Assessment tests knowledge from the curriculum so far and reading skills</p> <p>1 Paper - 45 minutes in length</p> <p>The paper will have a knowledge section which will be in the same format as fortnightly knowledge quizzes (but this time will cover greater depth from the curriculum) and then have a reading section. The reading section will require students to read an unseen text and answer comprehension style questions on it.</p>	<p>Students are set knowledge and vocabulary to learn on a fortnightly basis. Revision techniques to help:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flashcards • Mind maps • Look, cover, write, check • Teaching a friend or family member • Shrinking Post-It Notes <p>Students should also read for at least 15 minutes daily to improve their vocabulary, inference and comprehension.</p>
Maths	<p>Core knowledge from previous years and content from this year both linking to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number skills • Geometry • Algebra 	<p>2 assessments testing skills and reasoning sat in class.</p> <p>Paper 1: Non-Calculator, 50 marks, 60 minutes</p> <p>Paper 2: Calculator, 50 marks, 60 minutes</p>	<p>Students have been set homework weekly relating to the learning that they have been doing in class and to consolidate skills.</p> <p>Students are encouraged to attempt additional revision on Sparx 'Independent Learning' and to watch videos and practice additional questions on topics they struggle with.</p>
Science	<p>Core knowledge from previous years (acids and alkalis, organ systems, photosynthesis, cells, particle model) and topics from this year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evolution • Earth's resources and atmosphere • Magnetism and applied forces 	<p>1 Paper of 50 marks</p> <p>Assessment length 50 minutes.</p> <p>20 multiple choice questions assessing core knowledge of topics.</p> <p>30 marks of exam style questions to assess application</p>	<p>Students receive one educake homework a week on average over a half-term. The educake quizzes also include video links and study guides for students to revise core content.</p>

Geography	Hazards Global development Rivers and coasts Ecosystems and rainforests	1 Paper of 50 marks Assessment length 55 minutes Knowledge = 15 marks Understanding = 25 marks Skills = 10 marks Mixture of shorter 1-2 knowledge and skill questions, up to longer written 4-6 mark responses.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A 1 hour in class revision session • A 1 hour piece of revision homework <p>Students are provided with a bespoke revision guide and multiple revision worksheets to complete.</p> <p>Students will be shown effective revision strategies in the revision lesson including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flashcards • Mind maps • Dual Coding
History	Topics covered in year 9, the origin of WWI and WWI itself	1 paper. 40 marks Assessment length: 60 minutes 10 multiple choice questions. What is the difference between interpretations 1 and 2? How useful is this source? 12-mark essay question	RAG sheet for topics assessed. Revision techniques to help: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flashcards • Mind maps • Dual Coding • Living graphs
RS	All of the War unit (learnt from September to December 2025).	1 x full set of exam questions, taking 30 mins Q1 – Multiple choice question 1 mark Q2 – Short answer 1 Mark Q3 – 2 paragraph Explain 4 Marks Q4 – 2 paragraphs explain with teachings 6 Marks Q5 – 12 mark essay answer	Use the knowledge organiser/revision clock from before Christmas. Use the revision guides provided in lesson. Seneca learning tasks.
French	Topics covered in year 9: Friends, personality, food, role models and future plans	1 Paper A 50 mark assessment covering phonics, grammar, vocabulary, reading and translation. Assessment length 50 minutes.	Complete the weekly LanguageNut assignment and extras are available. Use your Knowledge Organisers to learn vocabulary.
Spanish	Town Holidays Free Time Family/Basic Information	1 Paper A 50 mark assessment covering phonics, grammar, vocabulary, reading and translation Assessment length 50 minutes	Complete the weekly LanguageNut assignment and extras are available. Use your Knowledge Organisers to learn vocabulary.

DT	Equipment in the workshop Hard and soft wood and wood joints Design brief and specification Isometric drawing	1 Paper 50 marks Assessment length 50 minutes Open-ended questions (requesting detailed, free-form answers), closed-ended questions (requiring specific, limited answers like yes/no or multiple choice), leading questions (suggesting a desired answer) and an isometric drawing question.	knowledge organisers year 9 DT.pptx
Food	Food safety Special diets Nutrients and diet Environmental health officer Food and the environment Adapting recipes	1 Paper 50 marks Assessment length 50 minutes Open-ended questions (requesting detailed, free-form answers), closed-ended questions (requiring specific, limited answers like yes/no or multiple choice), and leading questions (suggesting a desired answer)	knowledge organisers year 9 Food.pptx
PE	Your current physical activity and those completed previously this year.	Various skills in practice situations and then how you apply them e.g. in a competitive game.	No written element to revise for. You might choose to practice some of the skills you are currently studying for e.g. lay-up at basketball club.
Computing	Students have been programming in the first half term of the year. Tasks have been completed around the three main programming constructs (Sequence, Selection + Iteration)	38 questions and a programming challenge. 48 marks Assessment length 55 minutes	Review programming logs (examples of algorithms created in lessons so far) and revision clocks created in preparation lesson.
Art	Skills, knowledge and understanding taught/ recapped in year 9	Work assessed holistically throughout the year. Assessment week – theory/ knowledge and skills-based paper. Assessment length 45 minutes	Learn key words, terminology and visual elements. Practice drawing skills.
Drama	Curious Incident 4/6 Mark exam questions - But we also use practical work marks as a guide to the final grade.	1 Paper Assessment length 30 minutes. 10 in total (a 4 and 6) - grades allocated to the marks. 4/6 marks exam questions	Revise key words, vocal and physical and key terminology from Curious Incident which are all on Class Charts.
Music	Film Music Mozart Verses Stormzy Melody Blues and Rock 'n' Roll Music Theory	30-minute listening examination with a mixture of stretch and challenge questions including: multiple choice and longer description answers plus notation and theory questions. 40 marks.	Ongoing learning. PowerPoint presentations and revision guides on Class Charts. BBC Bitesize key terminology. Key terms homework.

