



The Albion Academy  
The best in everyone™  
Part of United Learning

# Year 8 Revision Booklet

Mid-Year Assessments  
20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> January 2025



# ENSURING SUCCESS



Mid-Year assessments are an opportunity for you to see the progress you have made so far in year 9. It is also a chance for your teachers to see what you know, and what you might need some extra practice with.

Students who have a clear vision, plan their revision schedule and have well organised notes are those who achieve the best. This revision booklet will assist you in your mid-year assessment preparations. At the back of the booklet, you will find an example revision schedule, which you can use and a blank one if you want to create your own.

Some tips for ensuring success:

Get to school on time, every day.

Have a positive mind-set and don't be afraid to deal with difficulties.

Create a visual revision timetable.

Ensure you have a quiet, distraction-free space to work.

Do quiet study at home every evening after school and on weekends.

Make sure you have the tools you need at home – post it notes, revision cards, pens, pencils, notebook, files, calculator etc.

Talk to your teachers to get help quickly.

Test yourself with exam style questions.

If you feel you aren't coping with the pressures, talk to someone at school to ask for support.

Ensure you have healthy snacks, water, and get a good night's sleep!

# MID-YEAR ASSESSMENTS



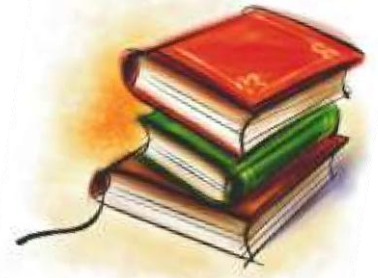
You will sit written papers for the subjects below. Your class teacher will tell you the exact day and time of your assessments. Write the details in the table below to keep track of your assessments.

Subject	Date	Period
English- Reading		
English- Writing		
Maths		
Science		
History		
Spanish- Listening & Reading		
Spanish- Writing		

For all of your other subjects, you will receive an average score from assessments taken in class, since September.

All of your results will be shared with you and your family through Mid-Year reports in February.

# ENGLISH



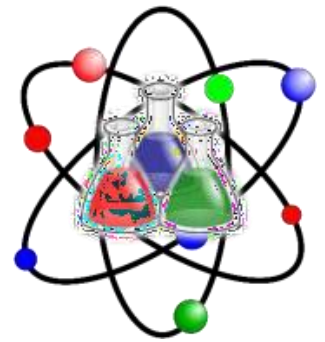
**Your English assessment will consist of two parts;**

Part 1: Written test on characters/themes in 'Richard III'

Part 2: Written test on descriptive/narrative writing

See the paper revision booklet provided by your class teacher for more revision tips.

# SCIENCE



**The science assessment will be one written test.**

See the paper revision booklet provided by your class teacher for revision tips and topic outlines.

There are several resources available to you to support your revision and you should use those your teacher sets alongside the ones below.

- Oak Academy – online lessons
- Seneca Learning – key knowledge and quizzes

# HISTORY



**Your history assessment will also be one written test.**

See the paper revision booklet provided by your class teacher for revision tips and topic outlines.

# MATHEMATICS



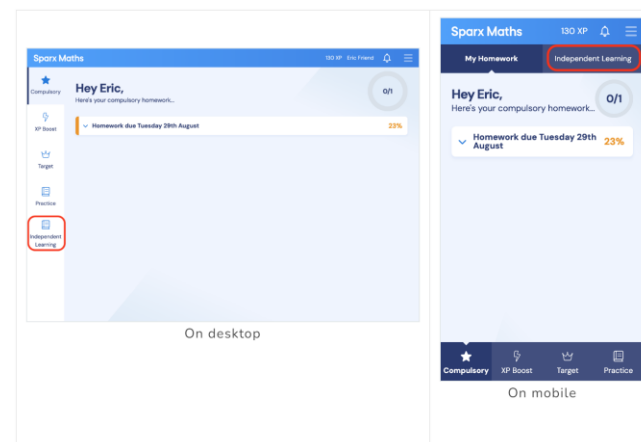
**The best way to learn maths is to do maths!**  
**Revising Independently with Sparx**

## STEP ONE: Finding independent learning

When you log in you will see the independent learning feature in the top right hand corner (circled in red below).

You can choose to work on any topic by:

- Typing one of the following in the Search for topics field:
  - The name of a topic
  - A keyword
  - A code given to you in the list below.
- Browsing the content by clicking on one of the main Strands:



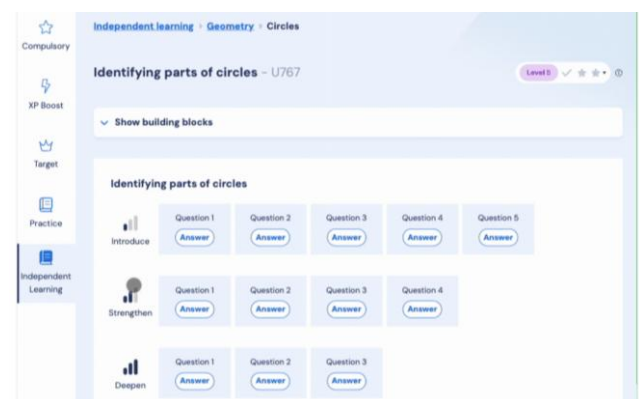
## STEP TWO: Choosing the right work

The difficulty level will be in line with that of your normal homework.

You can choose to complete questions that **introduce** the topic if you don't remember much about it, **strengthen** the topic if you need a recap or **deepen** the topic if you are looking to increase your knowledge.

An example of this is shown on the right with the topic of circles.

You will see the difficulty level is set to 5 (in the top right corner) but you can change this if you are finding questions too hard or too difficult.



## Maths topics to revise-

Topic	Sparx topics – highlight as you complete these clips using the independent learning function
Powers and Roots	M135, M608
Prime Factorisation	M322, M823, M108, M365, M227, M698
Rounding	M111, M431, M994, M131, M878
Fractions	M939, M410, M671, M601, M835, M931, M157, M197, M110, M265
Solving equations 1	M707, M509, M387, M554, M813, M795, M531, M957
Angles in parallel lines	M319, M606, M393, M818
Circumference	M565, M169

# Spanish



In Spanish, students will take the following mid-year assessments:

- Receptive Skills (Listening and Reading)
- Writing Skills

Students will be assessed on the topics studied so far in Year 8. Below is a list of topics that will be covered:

- Holidays
- TV & film preferences
- Comparisons
- Present & past tense

Further revision sources:

- Seneca
- Knowledge Organiser revision
- BBC Bitesize: Spanish
- Memrise
- Quizlet

	Subject (30:10)		Subject (30:10)		Subject (30:10)		Subject (30:10)		Subject (30:10)	
Monday	REST		SCIENCE		SCIENCE		REST		SCIENCE	
Tuesday	ENGLISH		HISTORY		HISTORY		ENGLISH		STUDY ROOM INDEPENDENT REVISION/	
Wednesday	REST		ENGLISH		ENGLISH		REST		REST	
Thursday	REST		SPANISH		SPANISH		REST		ENGLISH	
Friday	REST		MATHS		MATHS		REST		REST	
	Subject MORNING (30:10)		Subject MORNING (30:10)		Subject MORNING/ AFTERNOON (30:10)		Subject AFTERNOON (30:10)		Subject AFTERNOON (30:10)	
Saturday	REST	REST	MATHS	MATHS	REST	REST	ENGLISH	ENGLISH	ENGLISH	ENGLISH
Sunday	REST	REST	SCIENCE	SCIENCE	REST	REST	SPANISH	HISTORY	REST	REST

**MY MOTIVATION:**

*Example*

*I want to make myself proud by doing better in each assessment than I did at the end of year 7.*

**MY TARGETS:**

*Examples*

- Do at least 20 minutes of revision each day
- Leave my phone in a different room so I don't get distracted
- Go to bed on time so I have enough rest

(30:10)- Revise for 30 minutes then rest for 10 minutes.

	Subject (30:10)		Subject (30:10)		Subject (30:10)		Subject (30:10)		Subject (30:10)	
Monday										
Tuesday										
Wednesday										
Thursday										
Friday										
	Subject MORNING (30:10)		Subject MORNING (30:10)		Subject MORNING/ AFTERNOON (30:10)		Subject AFTERNOON (30:10)		Subject AFTERNOON (30:10)	
Saturday										
Sunday										

**MY MOTIVATION:**

**MY TARGET GRADES:**

English-

Mathematics-

Science-

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

(30:10)- Revise for 30 minutes then rest for 10 minutes.