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Year 7 MidYear Exams Revision Booklet

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DEAR

Drop Everything And Revise

Revision at SCA

Start early by completing homework throughout the year

Complete active revision activities

Always check your progress



FLASHCARDS

They helps us to:

- Self-test
- Aid memorisation
- Chunk down information

We use them for:

- Memorising key facts, dates, formulae, vocabulary.
- Linking images and vocabulary
- Spaced retrieval



CORNELL NOTES

They help us to:

- Organise information
- Write notes in a structured format
- Summarise information

We use them for:

- Taking and reviewing notes
- Recalling information



MIND MAPS

They help us to:

- Stay organised.
- Remember things visually
- Write less

We use them for:

- Linking information
- Representing ideas visually
- Selecting key information

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:

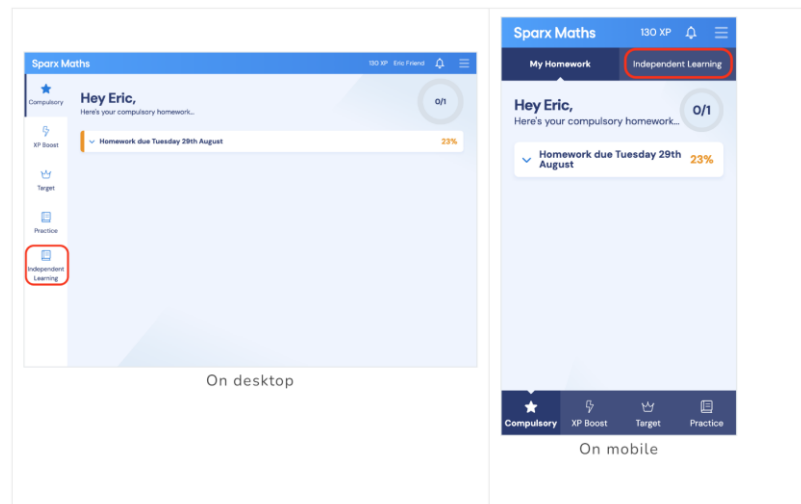
Typing one of the following in the Search for topics field:

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:



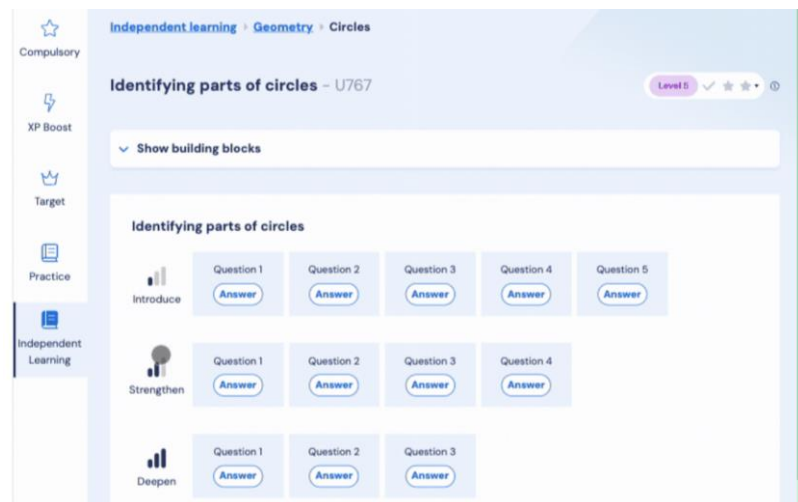
STEP TWO: Choosing the right work

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.



English Paper 1

Exam Format: written

Paper: Reading paper. The children will read a texts that they have not seen before and will be asked a series of questions. The questions in the revision guide mirror the type of questions that they will be asked

Length of Exam: 45 minutes

Resource: SCA revision booklet

Topic	Revision Content	Check
Comprehension of an unseen text	Unseen Text 1: My Comeuppance. Read the text and answer the questions 1-4. (11 marks in total)	
Comprehension of an unseen text	Unseen Text 2: Guilt – a Fable Read the text and answer the questions 1-4 (11 marks in total)	
Comprehension of an unseen text	Unseen Text 3: The Dare Read the text and answer questions 1-5 (16 marks in total)	
Point, evidence, prove it	Revise the point, evidence prove it structure and do a practice paragraph in your revision booklet.	

English Paper 2

Exam Format: writing assessment

Paper: writing assessment. Students will be asked a range of questions related to spelling, grammar and punctuation. They will also have to write a description based on an image.

Length of Exam: 30 minutes

Resource: SCA revision booklet

Topic	Revision Content	Check
Show Not Tell	Rewrite the sentences using show not tell strategies in your booklet.	
ISPACE	Write a sentence using the different ISPACE sentence starters in your booklet.	
Word Choice	Complete the word trees, thinking of synonyms and different words in your booklet.	
Write a description	Write 2 paragraphs describing a busy shopping centre using all the tips we have revised in your booklet.	

MATHEMATICS REVISION LIST

MID-YEAR NON-CALCULATOR ASSESSMENT

Unit	Topic	Sparx topics – highlight as you complete these clips using the independent learning function
7.01	Numerical Skills	M763, M704, M522, M527, M135, M111, M431, M878
7.02	Order of operations	M521
7.03	Introduction to algebra	M106, M830, M813, M795, M531, M417, M327, M208, M979
7.04	Primes, Factors and Multiples	M227, M823, M698, M322, M829
7.05	Expanding and factorising	M288, M237, M792, M100
7.06	Addition and Subtraction	M928, M429, M347, M152, M899
7.07	Perimeter	M920, M635, M690

Biology:

Exam Format: Written exam

Paper: 1

Length of Exam: 30 minutes

Revision Resource: Sparx Science, revision booklets

Topic	Revision Content	Check
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• B1.01 Life processes of organisms• B1.02 Cells, tissues, organs and organ systems• B1.03 Features of plant and animal cells• B1.04 Needs of organisms	

Chemistry:

Exam Format: Written exam

Paper: 1

Length of Exam: 30 minutes

Revision Resource: Sparx Science, revision booklets

Topic	Revision Content	Check
Particles	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• C1.01 Particle model of matter• C1.02 State changes• C1.03 Gas pressure• C2.01 Pure substances and mixtures• C2.02 Solutions• C2.03 Separating mixtures	

Physics:

Exam Format: Written exam

Paper: 1

Length of Exam: 30 minutes

Revision Resource: Sparx Science, revision booklets

Topic	Revision Content	Check
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• P1.01 Describing forces and their effects• P1.02 Modelling forces• P1.03 Resultant force and its effects• P1.04 Deforming objects• P1.05 Describing friction• P1.06 Energy stores• P1.07 Energy transfers• P1.08 Energy analysis	

History:

Exam Format: Written exam

Paper: 1

Length of Exam: 1 hour

Revision Resource: BBC Bitesize, reading booklets

Topic	Revision Content	Check
Unit 1 – Worldviews c.1000	Measuring Time in History China c.1000 The Islamic Empire and Global Connections c.1000 The Byzantine Empire compared to China and the Islamic Empire The Holy Roman Empire c.1000	
Unit 2 – Norman Conquest and Control	Anglo-Saxon England Death of Edward the Confessor The Battle of Stamford Bridge The Battle of Hastings The Harrying of the North The Feudal System Castles The Domesday Book Change in the time of the Normans How far England changed after the Norman Conquest	
Unit 3 – Medieval Religion	Power and Hierarchy of the Church Medieval Places of Worship Life after Death Monasteries and Medicine The Crusades Why the Church was Significant in Medieval England	

Geography:

Exam Format: Written exam

Paper: 1

Length of Exam: 1 hour

Revision Resource: Knowledge organisers, BBC Bitesize

Topic	Revision Content	Check
Geographic Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maps and symbols• 4 figure grid references• Relief on an OS map• Continents and oceans• Countries of the UK• Compass directions• Latitude and longitude	
Climate Change	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Climate zones• Biomes• Global warming and the enhanced greenhouse effect• Causes of climate change• Effects of climate change	
Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Classifying countries• Development indicators• Factors that affect development• Bottom up and top down aid	

Spanish:

Exam Format: x 3 (Writing, Reading and Listening)

Topic	Revision Content	Check
Greeting and Introductions	Name, age Days, months, numbers Birthdays Giving opinions Free time activities	
Family	Describing appearance Describing personality Describing family members Describing animals	
School	School subjects and opinions Describing teachers School facilities	
Linguistic structures	Infinitives Present tense verbs Negatives Opinions and justifications Agreement of adjectives Connectives Quantifiers Time expressions	

Exam Format: Multiple choices and extended answers. 40 marks available.

Length of Exam: 40 minutes.

Revision Resource: BBC Bitesize, Key Word Sheets/Knowledge Organiser

Topic		Revision Content	Check
Religion in Modern Britain	Key Terminology Census Changes	Questions How often does the census happen? How do we read data from the census? What religious changes have happened in Salford between 2011 and 2021?	
Judaism	Key Terminology Abraham Monotheism Moses Torah Shabbat Orthodox Progressive	Questions Who is Abraham and what did he do? Who is Moses and what did he do? What is Shabbat? What happens during Shabbat? How are Orthodox and Progressive Judaism different?	

Music:

(this exam will be done before Christmas)

Exam Format: Multiple-choice quiz on Microsoft Forms

Paper: 1

Length of Exam: 20mins

Revision Resource: on TEAMS

Topic	Revision Content	Check
Musical elements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dynamics from pp to ff including crescendo and diminuendo Tonality – recognising whether a piece is major or minor Tempo – Adagio, moderato, allegro Pitch – How high or low a note is Rhythm – the length of quavers, crotchets, minims – recognising the symbols Instrumentation – the four musical families – Brass, Woodwind, Strings, Percussion. 	
Musical devices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Articulation – Legato, Staccato, Accents Symbols on sheet music: Flats and sharps, repeat mark, time signatures, Treble clef, Bass clef 	
Topic-specific vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chord Strum Finger numbers on piano and ukulele 	

The screenshot shows a presentation slide with the title "Keyboard Skills / Exploring Classical Music / Ukulele Skills". The slide is divided into several sections:

- Key Terms:**
 - Pitch** – How high or low a note is
 - Tempo** – The speed of the music
 - Dynamics** – The volume of the music
 - Rhythm** – The length of music
 - Tonality** – Major or minor – this effects the mood
- Fun fact:** The full name of the piano is the 'pianoforte', because it was the first keyboard instrument that could play quietly (piano) and loudly (forte). Over time, people got used to calling it just 'piano' for short.
- Notation can tell us the pitch (note) and the rhythm (how long the notes are):**
 - Pitch:** C C C C C C
 - Rhythm:** Tea Tea Cof-fee Tea
- Time Signatures** - how many beats in a bar:
 - 4 beats in a bar
 - 3 beats in a bar
- Finger numbers on the piano / keyboard**
 - Flat** - makes note a semitone lower
 - Sharp** - makes note a semitone higher
 - Repeat sign**
- Notes on the piano / keyboard**
 - C D E F G A B
- Finger numbers on the ukulele**
 - C Am F G
- Instrument Families**
 - Percussion:** Instruments you hit, scrape or shake. Includes: Snare drum, Tambourine, Conga, Bongo.
 - String:** Instruments you blow into. Includes: Double Bass, Guitar, Violin, Viola.
 - Brass:** Metal instruments you blow into. Includes: Trumpet, Trombone, French Horn, Euphonium.
 - Woodwind:** Instruments you blow into that are not made of wood or have a wooden head. Includes: Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone.
- Ukuleles** are from Hawaii. We use them in Year 7 because they are nice and small and easy to play. We will learn the guitar next year!

