

14th December 2023



Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to you today to share some information about the mid – year assessments that will take place in January, after the Christmas holidays.

Students will be assessed in all subjects and reports will be shared with parents with all parents and carers before half term. The purpose of these assessments are to allow teachers and leaders to measure student progress on the learning that has happened this academic year. Post assessment, teachers will adjust plans to ensure any gaps in knowledge can be closed and content re-taught where not understood. Assessment results will also be used to make set decisions in Maths and Science. It is therefore important that students try their very best during these assessments.

Assessments in Years 7 – 10 will take place in classrooms and will be no more than 50mins. They will be staggered across the assessment window to ensure students do not have multiple assessments in one day. The timetable of these can be found at the bottom of this letter.

Good attendance throughout this assessment period is vital. Wherever possible please ensure appointments are booked outside the school day. Please ensure your child brings their iPad in school every day, fully charged as these are a vital source of revision resources. For Years 7 – 9, many of the assessments will also be completed on their iPads, so it is essential they have them with them each day.

There are plenty of ways that your child(ren) can be revising at home. If you would like to review what the students have studied this academic year you can find all the curriculum overviews on our website:

[Curriculum Structure - \(oasisacademymediacityuk.org\)](https://www.oasisacademymediacityuk.org)

Teachers will also be sharing revision lists with students in their lessons.

Students also can access teaching resources via Microsoft Teams, complete homework on iPad platforms such as Sparx for Maths and Educake for Science.

[Secondary Homework Help | Online subjects - BBC Bitesize](#) is an excellent platform for all subjects.

For Year 10, students have access to online Pearson revision guides (please find instructions on how to access these at the bottom of this letter),

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me on 0161 8866500.

Many Thanks

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ACADEMIES

Mid-Year assessment timetable Years 7 – 10

Thursday 11th January – Friday 19th January

Subject	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10
Maths	Thursday 11 th January	Wednesday 17 th January	Wednesday 17 th January	Tuesday 16 th January
English	Tuesday 16 th January	Friday 12 th January	Thursday 11 th January	Thursday 11 th January
Science	Monday 15 th January	Thursday 11 th January	Friday 12 th January	Friday 19 th January
History	Week of 15 th January	Week of 9 th January	Week of 9 th January	Week of 15 th January
Geography	Week of 15 th January	Week of 9 th January	Week of 9 th January	Week of 15 th January
MFL	Week of 9 th January	Week of 15 th January	Week of 15 th January	Week of 9 th January

* Please note, this schedule is subject to change, however, if there is a change, we will inform you via the MCAS app.

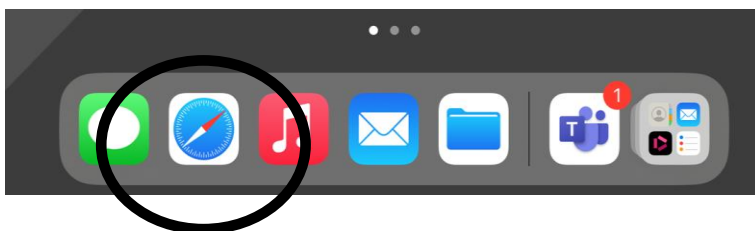
*Please note that students will be assessed in their creative subjects too, but not always through written assessments.

How to Access Pearson Revise resources

Step 1

On your Oasis Horizons iPad, open Safari and go to Pearson Revise at:

<https://reviseonline.pearson.com/school/register/?org=oasis>



Step 2

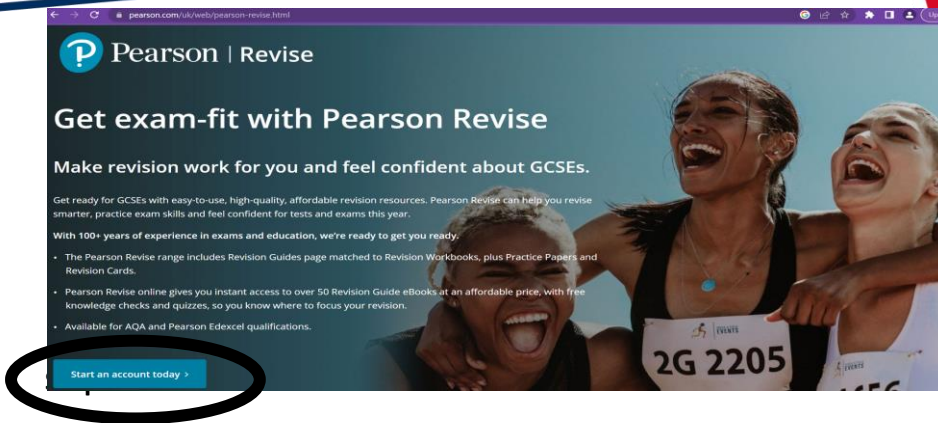
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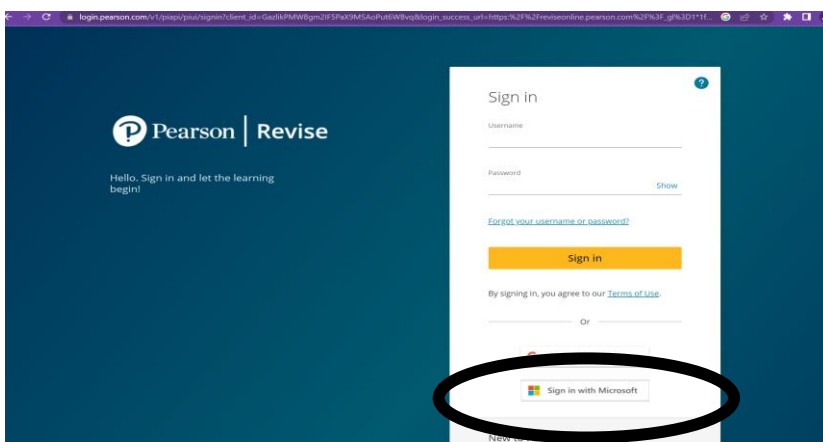
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On the bottom left of the landing page, choose 'Start an account today'.

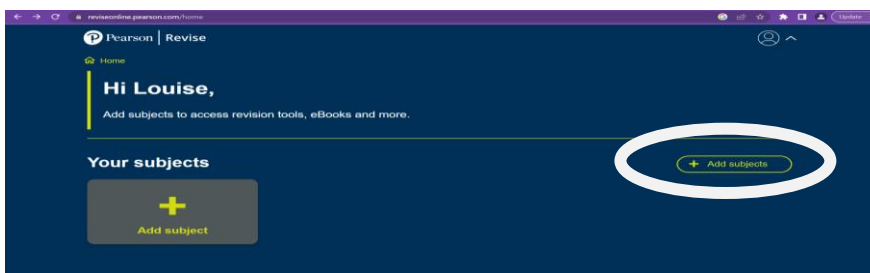


On the next page, choose 'Sign in with Microsoft' (DO NOT choose 'Create an account').



Step 4

You will then be logged in using your Oasis details and taken to a landing page with your name at the top. From here you can click 'Add Subjects' and choose all the subjects you are studying for which there are guides available. You only have to set this up once - the system will then remember you the next time you log in.



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Remember to check the exam boards, subjects & modules that you are studying.



Example: Maths revision lists:

Year 7 revision list

Strand	Topic	Sparx Maths code	Revised?
Place Value	Ordering numbers	M704	
	Converting between written and numerical form		
	Identifying place value		
Axioms and Arrays	Multiplying values	M186	
Time	Converting between time units	M515	
	Telling the time (using clocks)	M892	
	Calculating with time	M627	
Factors and Multiples	Factors	M823	
	Lowest common multiples	M227	
	Highest common factors	M698	
	Primes	M322	
	Prime factor decomposition	M108	
Order of operations	Order of operations	M521	
Negative Numbers	Ordering negative numbers	M527	
	Adding and subtracting with negative numbers	M106	
	Multiplying and dividing with negative numbers	M288	
Roots and powers	Calculating with roots and powers	M135	
Expressions, equations and inequalities	Substitution	M417	
	Expanding single brackets	M237	
	Expanding single brackets and simplifying expressions	M792	
	Simplifying algebraic expressions	M795	
	Factorising	M100	

Year 8 revision list

Strand	Topic	Sparx Maths code	Revised?	
Number and functional maths	Equivalent fractions	M410		
	Given a part, calculating the whole	M695		
	Percentage of amounts	M437		
	BIDMAS	M521		
	Calculating with roots and powers	M135		
	Common multiples	M227		
	Rounding with sig figs	M994		
	Estimation	M878		
	Calculating with time	M627		
	Algebra	Plotting horizontal and vertical lines	M797	
Drawing linear graphs		M932		
Inequalities on number lines		M384		
Sequences		M381		
Substitution		M417		
Solving with unknowns on both sides		M554		
Factorising		M100		
Expanding single brackets and simplifying expressions		M792		
Forming and solving equations		M957		
Geometry	Angle facts	M818, M163		
	Angle facts on parallel lines	M606		
	Area of 2D shapes	M390, M610		
	Midpoints	M622		
	Perimeter of 2D shapes	M635		
	Construction	M565, M232, M239		
	Transformations		M139, M290, M910, M178	
	Ratio and proportion	Sharing an amount into a ratio	M525	
Writing ratio in the form 1:n		M543		
Converting between ratio and fractions		M267		

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Year 10 revision list

Strand	Topic	Sparx Maths code	Revised?
Number and functional maths	Primes, cubes and special numbers	U236, U851	
	Converting between FDP	U888	
	Place value	U922	
	Unit conversion	U388	
	Calculator skills	U926	
	Rounding and truncating	U298, U108	
	Percentages	U349, U671	
Algebra	Inequalities	U509	
	Equations of linear graphs	U315	
	Sequences	U498	
	Substitution	U201, U585	
	Rearranging formula	U556	
Geometry	Angle facts	U390, U730	
	Symmetry	U849	
	Area of 2D shapes	U993, U226	
	Pythagoras	U385	
Ratio and proportion	Right angled trigonometry	U605, U283, U545	
	Ratio problems	U753, U577	
	Ratio and percentage problems	U176	
Statistics and Probability	Frequency trees	U280	
	Bar charts	U363, U557	
	Venn Diagrams	U476	
	Basic probability	U510, U683	

Year 9 revision list

Strand	Topic	Sparx Maths code	Revised?
Number and functional maths	Standard form	M719, M678	
	Finding percentages of amounts with a calculator	M905	
Algebra	Inequalities	M384	
	Rearranging formula	M184	
	Gradient of a line	M544	
	Expanding double brackets	M960	
	Factorising	M100	
	Forming and solving equations	M957	
Geometry	Midpoints	M622	
	Bearings	M416	
	Circles – area and circumference	M169, M231	
	Angle facts including parallel lines	M606	
	Angles in polygons	M653	
Ratio and proportion	Sharing an amount into a ratio	M525	
	Simplifying ratio	M885	
	Proportion	M478	
Data, probability and statistics	Types of data	M450	
	Basic probability	M206, M755	
	Averages & the range	M934, M841, M940, M328	
	Mean from grouped frequency	M127	

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