

5<sup>th</sup> December 2024



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 all parents and carers before half term. The purpose of these assessments is 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.

This year, as we continue to be at the forefront of education, we will be conducting half of each assessment digitally. Each assessment will comprise of: 1) a 30mark digital knowledge test (completed using the iPads) and 2) a 30 mark written assessment. Therefore, it is imperative that all students bring their iPads into school daily, fully charged, during the assessment window. If students do not have iPads, we will provide a paper version, but we strongly advice use of iPads, where possible.

Good attendance throughout this assessment period is vital. Wherever possible please ensure appointments are booked outside the school 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 for all subjects. If you would like further information on this, please do let me know.

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 or [joanne.gorman@oasismediacityuk.org](mailto:joanne.gorman@oasismediacityuk.org)

Many Thanks,

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**Mid-Year assessment timetable Years 7 – 9**

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January**

Subject	Y7	Y8	Y9
Maths	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> January
English	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> January
Science	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> January
History	Week of 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Week of 13 <sup>th</sup> January	Week of 7 <sup>th</sup> January
Geography	Week of 13 <sup>th</sup> January	Week of 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Week of 13 <sup>th</sup> January
MFL	Week of 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Week of 13 <sup>th</sup> January	Week of 7 <sup>th</sup> January
Religious Studies	Completed December	Completed December	Completed December
Art, Music, PD, Food, Computing	Week of 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Week of 13 <sup>th</sup> January	Week of 7 <sup>th</sup> January

\* Please note, this schedule is subject to minor changes, we will continue to inform students of any changes.

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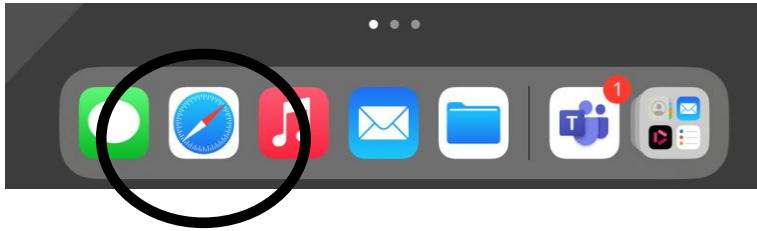
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## How to Access Pearson Revise resources

### Step 1

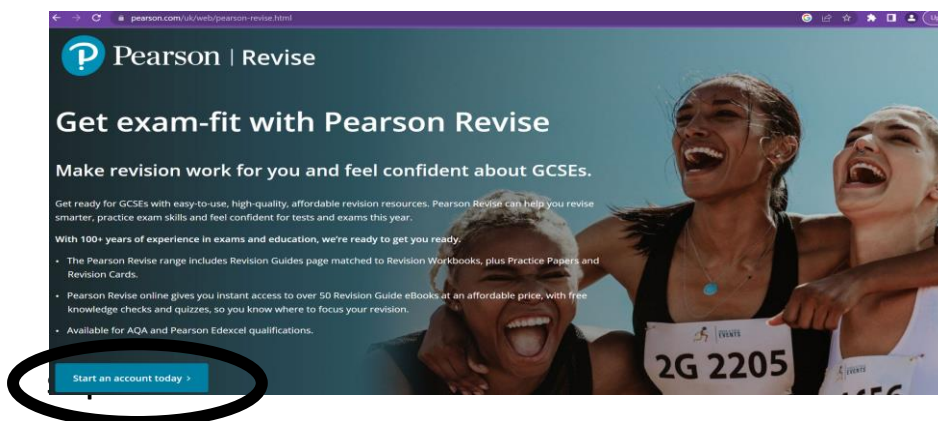
On your Oasis Horizons iPad, open Safari and go to Pearson Revise at:

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

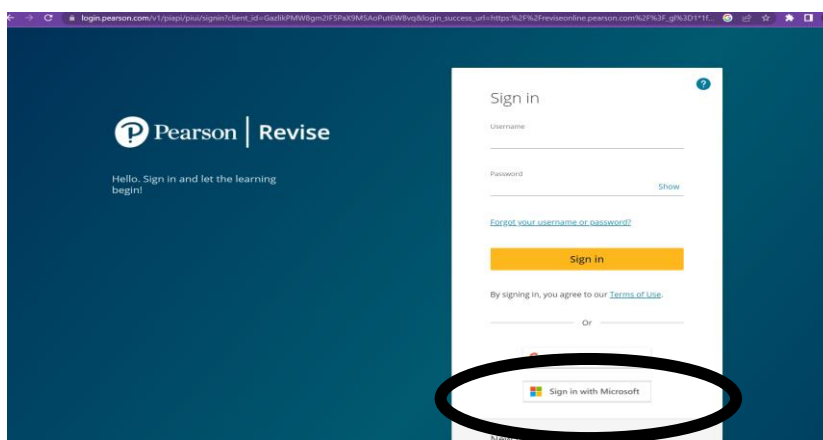


### Step 2

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



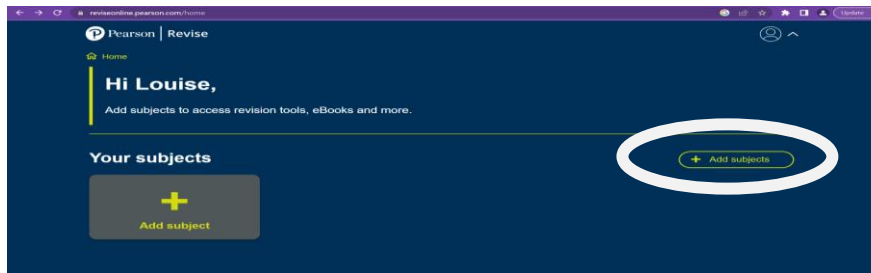
On the next page, choose 'Sign in with Microsoft' (DO NOT choose 'Create an account').



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## 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.



**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	

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