



St Antony's
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Subject: Upcoming KS3 assessments

Dear parent/carer,

Your child has three knowledge organiser assessments a year in each subject. These take place in the Autumn, Spring and Summer terms. **The second assessment window is Monday 27th January to Friday 7th February.** Your child will sit a knowledge organiser assessment for each of their subjects during this two-week period.

The purpose of the assessments is to find out what your child knows and can remember. This helps your child and their teachers know what they are doing well and what they can improve. It is also an opportunity for your child to practise completing assessments so they feel easier. Each knowledge organiser assessment is focussed on the essential knowledge studied in lessons and homework. Roughly 50% of each assessment is on learning from lessons, with the other 50% on homework.

To help your child prepare for the assessments, and to help them develop their revision skills, they have a session during form about how to revise, along with guidance and time to prepare a revision timetable. During the first week in January, they will also be given a booklet containing information on:

- Achievement – Why it is important? How do I achieve well?
- What assessments do I have?
- How do I prepare properly?
- What do I revise? (This states what is on the assessments)
- How do I revise?
- How do I revise independently?
- Revision using online platforms – **Includes Seneca class codes**
- Revising effectively
- How to make a revision plan
- Revision timetable (This is your child's own plan)
- Useful websites/apps

Please discuss the upcoming assessments with your child and support them with preparing effectively by helping them organise their revision time. They should be using their knowledge organisers from their homework and lessons to help them prepare. Revision ideas are in the booklet.

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Additionally, the online platform “Seneca Learning” is an excellent revision resource. Seneca is an interactive learning platform that contains revision for most KS3 subjects. Your child should sign into the Seneca Learning website using their usual school sign in details (log in with Microsoft). Click on classes, then join class, then enter the code for their year group.

(Year 7: 7nv08hco0u. Year 8: kbh0ejmqgi. Year 9: 8tacy9ba51.)

The table below shows what is on the upcoming assessments.

KS3 Knowledge Organiser Assessments – Spring 2025 - What to revise			
Subject	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Art	Practical assessment on tonal work in pencil	Impressionist work in pastels	Collage techniques inspired by surrealism
Computing	Clear Messaging in Digital Media, Scratch Programming	Computer Systems, Data Representation	Python Programming, Data Representation 2, Cyber Security
Design & Technology	Specific topic depends on teacher	Specific topic depends on teacher	Specific topic depends on teacher
English	Short stories, Spellings and Writing	Romeo and Juliet, Spellings and Writing	Julius Caesar, Spellings and Writing
Geography	UK, Coasts, Map Skills	Tectonics, Weather	Development, Climate change
History	Norman Conquest, The Medieval Monarchs, Church	The Tudors, English Civil War & the Interregnum Period, the Mughal Empire	World War One, the Interwar Years
Languages	French - My family and me	Spanish - Life at school	French - Last weekend
Maths	Prime numbers including product of prime factors, Sequences, Algebra (simplify algebraic expressions and solve equations), Fractions, decimals and percentages, Written methods to add, subtract, multiply and divide, Directed number, Equivalent fractions	Ratio and scale factors, Coordinates, Representing data, Brackets and equations, Sequences, Indices, Fractions and percentages, Plot straight line graphs	Three dimensional shapes including nets, Solve equations, Expand and factorise expressions, Area and volume, Multiply and divide fractions, Percentages, Inequalities, Angles, Plot straight line graphs, Conjectures
Music	Instruments of the Orchestra, Element of Music, Reading Notes on the Stave, Identifying instruments, Timbre and Sonority	Blues and Improvisation, Element of Music, Reading Notes on the Stave, Key Features of the Blues	Film Music, Element of Music, Reading Notes on the Stave, Rhythm Notation and Rests, Film Music Key Features, Leitmotifs, Diegetic and Non-Diegetic Sound
Personal Development	Family, Loss and Bereavement, Foetus Rights, Homework Questions	Formalising Relationships, Conflict Management (Families), Legal Rights (Separation), Tough Relationships, Citizenship: Democracy, Homework Questions	Family and Fertility, Citizenship: Women's Suffrage, Homework Questions
Physical Education	Football, Basketball, Netball and either: Gymnastics, Dance or Health & Fitness	Football, Basketball, Netball and either Gymnastics, Dance or Health & Fitness	Football, Basketball, Netball and either Badminton, Table Tennis or Health & Fitness
Religious Education	Creation and Covenant, Prophecy and Promise, Galilee to Jerusalem	Exploring Creation and Covenant, Unveiling Prophecy and Promise, From Galilee to Jerusalem	Vocation and The History of the Church, Our Wider Global Community, Sacraments
Science	Cells, Tissues Organs and Organ systems, Energy, St Antony's Scientists, Forces, Particles, Atoms, elements and molecules	Plants and their reproduction, Earth and Space, Combustion, St Antony's Scientists, Periodic Table, Energy Transfers, Cells, Sound, Mixtures, Reproduction	Separating Mixtures, Motion, Health and disease, St Antony's Scientists, Plants and photosynthesis, Genes, Biological Concepts, Sound, Cells, Reproduction, Mixtures.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Kind regards,

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