



14 October 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

As I mentioned in my first letter to you this year, Year 8 students have two very important weeks coming up and I am writing now to pass on some important information about these.

The week commencing **Monday 14 October** is the first consolidation week for our year group and the assessment week will begin on **Monday 21 October**.

During the consolidation week, your child will receive an increased amount of homework in preparation for the assessment week. They should refer to Google Classroom as usual for all consolidation activities. A reminder about how much work they should expect to be completing can be found on the assessment calendar, the link for which is below:

[Homework Calendar - Year 8 2024/25 - Google Docs](#)

We know that preparing actively for the assessment will not only increase your child's performance, but also help set in place important study habits for the future. We have underlined the importance of completing the consolidation tasks with them and provided guidance about how to revise. Any support you can provide in encouraging your child to engage fully with these tasks would be greatly appreciated.

Following the completion of the assessments, we will then be in a position to issue reports during the week commencing Monday 11 November. You will be familiar with the format of these, however a change for 2024/25 onwards is that you will also see a feedback grade for your child's engagement with consolidation. Independent learning at home is a crucial foundation for GCSE studies and we know that developing good study habits from the outset in Year 8 will accelerate your child's progress.

Should you have any questions regarding the consolidation week or the assessment week, please do not hesitate to contact me at [sshaw@heanorgatespencer.org.uk](mailto:sshaw@heanorgatespencer.org.uk).

Yours sincerely

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