



September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

As I mentioned in my first letter to you this year, Year 9 students have some very important weeks coming up and I am writing now to pass on some key information about these.

The weeks commencing **Monday 22 September** and **Monday 29 September** are the first two consolidation weeks this year. The assessment week itself will begin on **Monday 6 October**.

During this fortnight, staff will set additional homework and revision tasks to support students' preparation for the assessments. Students 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 9 2025/26 - 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. Independent learning at home is a crucial foundation for GCSE studies and we know that developing good study habits in Year 9 will accelerate your child's progress. The outcomes of the assessments will also help us identify both strengths and areas where further support may be needed, as well as informing decisions about pathways into Year 10.

In school we have underlined the importance of completing the consolidation tasks with them and provided guidance about how to revise. We ask that you support by ensuring that your child engages fully with these tasks.

Following the completion of the assessments, we will then be in a position to issue reports during the week commencing **Monday 20 October**.

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.

Yours sincerely

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