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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you and your family are well.

As you are aware, the NEU (National Education Union) the largest teachers' union in England has called for strike action on the following dates:

- 1st February
- 2nd March
- 15th/16th March

As the majority of Swanlea teaching staff are in the NEU I have taken the difficult decision to open the school for students in **Years 11 & 13 only**. Additionally, parents/carers in key worker roles should contact the school using the following email address officeadmin@swanlea.co.uk if they require their child to attend on the strike days.

Students from all other year groups must remain at home. I will be in touch with you regarding the strikes in March nearer the date.

The date of Year 10 parents/carers evening has changed and will now take place on **Wednesday 8th February**.

We will be closed from Monday 13th – Friday 17th February for half term.

I am concerned that a number of parents/carer are dropping/collecting their children by car in Durward Street. There are over 600 students using this entrance at the beginning and at the end of the day. Moving vehicles pose a clear risk to the safety of our young people. Please arrange to drop and collect your child from another place.

Thank you for your continued support it is very much appreciated.

Yours faithfully

B Landers
Headteacher



Links/Information for Work to be Completed at Home on 1st February

Year 7

English:

Year 7: BBC Bitesize: *The Tempest*

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z37mn39>

[The Tempest - KS3 English - BBC Bitesize](#)

The Tempest is a play by William Shakespeare. The play is a comedy, as it contains comical characters and has a happy ending.

www.bbc.co.uk

Maths:

The topics listed below will be tested in the next set of KS3 assessments (dates below). Please use Sparx to revise and practise these specific topics. Remember to copy all questions into your Sparx books and use a green pen to mark your work.

Assessment on Wednesday 8th February, topics to revise:

- **Negative numbers and times tables (non-calc)**
- **Perimeter and Area; rectangles, parallelograms, trapezia, triangles**
- **Converting between units**
- **Circumference and Area of a circle**
- **Circle properties**
- **Perimeter and Area of compound shapes**

Science:

Cognito Biology - Cell Types and Cell Structure #2

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qHkUOIC8Nbo&list=PLidqqIGKox7X5UFT-expKluR-i-BN3Q1g&index=2&t=32s>

Cognito Biology - Characteristics of Living Things (Organisms) #3

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aGDFNZApXXI&t=2s>

Year 8

English:

Year 8: Poetry lesson - Sonnet

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/if-we-must-die-by-claude-mckay-70u3at>

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Assessment on Tuesday 7th February (B-half) & Wednesday 8th February (G-half), topic to revise:

- **You need to revise what we have covered this half term:**
- **Negative numbers and times tables (non-calc)**
- **Simplify ratios, ratios as fractions and percentages**
- **Sharing into a ratio**
- **Ratio problems**
- **Proportion problems, proportion graphs**
- **Recipes & best buys**

Science:

Watch the videos and make at least one A4 page of notes. You should include:

- Title, date, hw, all underlined
- Bullet point summary of key information
- Definitions of important words
- Labelled diagrams (in pencil)

Biology - Interdependence - Community and Competition #84

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XVD5izWXmKo&list=PLidqqIGKox7X5UFT-expKluR-i-BN3Q1g&index=70&t=1s>

Cognito Biology - Food Chains & Predator Prey Cycles #85

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NFTSm3D2xrM>

Year 9

English:

Year 9: Short story Writing (ready for creative writing Spring 2)

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/creative-writing-what-makes-a-good-short-story-70u30c>

Maths:

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Assessment on Tuesday 7th February, topics to revise:

- **Negative numbers and times tables (non-calc)**
- **Trigonometry to find missing sides**
- **Trigonometry to find missing angles**
- **Simultaneous equations – various methods**
- **Simultaneous equation graphs**

Science:

Cognito Biology – Communicable Diseases

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dbd5iydu3EY&list=PLidqqIGKox7X5UFT-expKluR-i-BN3Q1g&index=32&t=141s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Fh-2wpvhHQ&t=42s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=63XExOKWrqg&list=PLidqqIGKox7X5UFT-expKluR-i-BN3Q1g&index=34&t=21s>

YEAR 10

Year 10 RE Lesson:

1. Complete the homework booklets that they have been given on Crime and Punishment, Belief in God and Living the Christian Life.
2. Watch the Oak Academy lessons:

Belief in God:

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/sin-and-salvation-c4w66c> <https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/the-incarnation-and-jesus-as-the-son-of-god-ctk3ar> <https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/the-nature-of-god-ccuk4t>

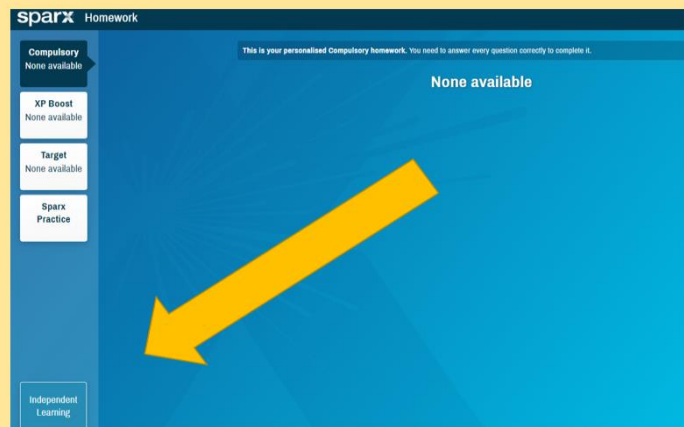
Crime and Punishment:

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/attitudes-to-treatment-of-criminals-68tk6d>

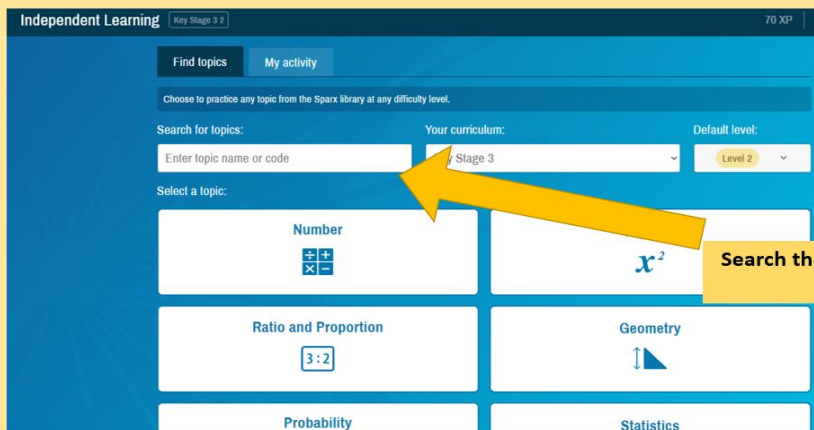
<https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/aims-of-punishment-cgu62d>

How to revise specific topics on Sparx

Log on, then click "Independent Learning"



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Search the topics you need to work on

In your Sparx books, remember to write out the question and show your working clearly, then mark your work in green pen. Your teachers will be checking your work so make sure it is perfect!