

## Year 9 homework

Across the summer term, the core of our homework programme is a highly ambitious reading programme in which students will read a challenging text in each of their subjects, and answer questions on what they have read. The texts chosen relate to what students are studying in class, but they add to and enrich classroom lessons.

They have been chosen because they reflect ‘the best of what has been written and thought in our subjects’.

They might have been written by a great thinker in the subject. The text might be a piece of inspirational writing that scholars in the subject love. It might be a piece of commentary on a key idea, written for an educated and well-read audience. It may introduce the students to a scholarly journal or magazine, where they can read the same texts professionals in the field will read.

**This term, our year 9 students will read:**

Subject	Curriculum focus	Reading homework
English	Poetry	<b>The British Library</b> article, Dr Seamus Perry ‘Making Poetry from War’ <a href="https://www.bl.uk/romantics-and-victorians/articles/the-charge-of-the-light-brigade-making-poetry-from-war">https://www.bl.uk/romantics-and-victorians/articles/the-charge-of-the-light-brigade-making-poetry-from-war</a>
Maths	Geometry	<b>Nautilus</b> , Science Connected magazine ‘Why nature prefers hexagons’ <a href="https://nautil.us/why-nature-prefers-hexagons-235863/">https://nautil.us/why-nature-prefers-hexagons-235863/</a>
Science	Physics focus	<b>The Guardian</b> , Dr Stuart Clark, astronomy journalist <a href="https://amp.theguardian.com/science/2022/oct/09/beam-me-down-can-solar-power-from-space-help-solve-our-energy-needs">https://amp.theguardian.com/science/2022/oct/09/beam-me-down-can-solar-power-from-space-help-solve-our-energy-needs</a>
RE	Atheism/ growing evil	<b>G K Chesterton</b> , Catholic author and writer of the ‘Father Brown’ novels ‘Ballad of God Makers’ <a href="#">The Ballad of God-Makers by G. K. Chesterton   Poetry Foundation</a>  <a href="#">Ecclesiam Suam (August 6, 1964)   Paul VI (vatican.va)</a> Vs 97-98
History	Vietnam War	<b>Modern History Review</b> (2016) ‘America’s Cold War in Asia’
Geography	Into Africa	<b>The Decolonising Geography Educators Group</b> ‘Why the word ‘slum’ should not be used in Geography classrooms’ <a href="https://decolonisegeography.com/blog/2021/08/why-the-word-slum-should-not-be-used-in-geography-classrooms/">https://decolonisegeography.com/blog/2021/08/why-the-word-slum-should-not-be-used-in-geography-classrooms/</a>
PE	Character in PE	<b>Friday Night Lights</b> , H G Bissenger ( <i>named 4<sup>th</sup> greatest sports book of all time by Sports Illustrated</i> ) ‘The Quarter back story on game night’ <a href="https://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/pdf/2010/173492.pdf">https://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/pdf/2010/173492.pdf</a>
Art		<b>Using Art to provoke action at the UN</b> ‘A reflection on Irish artist Brian Maguire’s ‘War Changes Its Address’ exhibition’ <a href="https://www.concern.net/news/using-art-provoke-action-un">https://www.concern.net/news/using-art-provoke-action-un</a>
Music	Music and the media	<b>PremiumBeat blog</b> , a music and media resource used by professionals The importance of the ‘motif’ in film music <a href="https://www.premiumbeat.com/blog/leitmotif-in-film-scores/">https://www.premiumbeat.com/blog/leitmotif-in-film-scores/</a>
MFL	Great French thinker	<b>Extract of The Social Contract by Rousseau.</b> The right of life and death: <a href="#">Rousseau - life and death</a>
Computing	Artificial Intelligence and Algorithms	<b>Wired magazine</b> ‘Artificial Intelligence: How Algorithms Make Systems Smart’ <a href="https://www.wired.com/insights/2014/09/artificial-intelligence-algorithms-2/">https://www.wired.com/insights/2014/09/artificial-intelligence-algorithms-2/</a>

**How can you support your child with this homework?**

- Why not read the articles with them and discuss the issues?
- Use this list as a checklist, ticking off each reading as they complete it
- Recognize and praise the achievement of your child, who has read some very complex and demanding texts by completing these homework tasks.