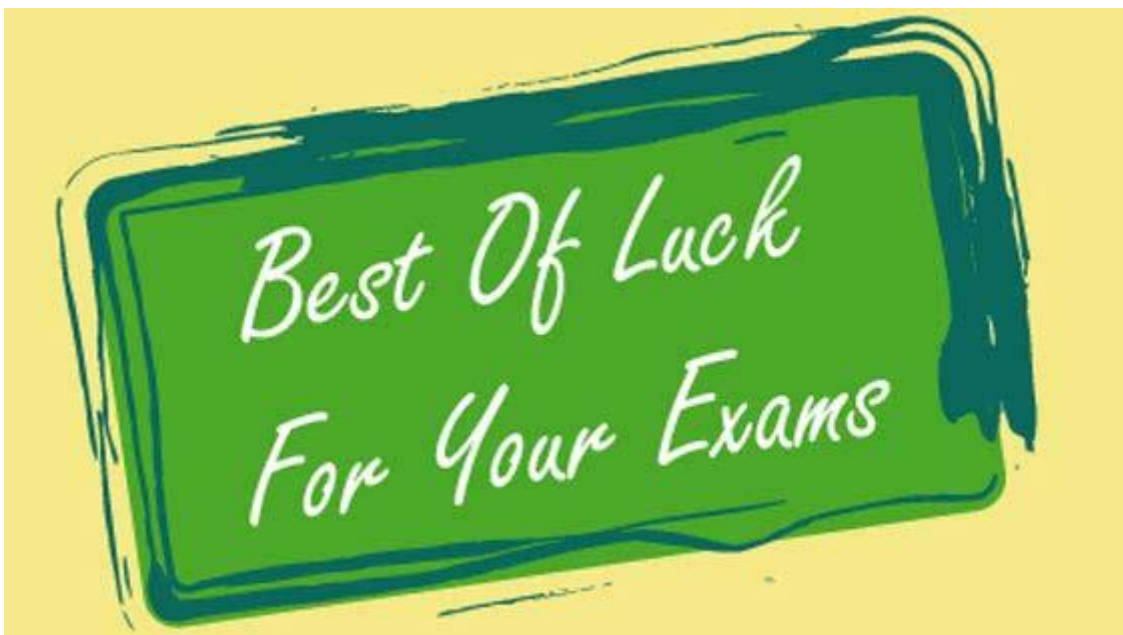


Year 8 Exam Information Booklet



Year 8 English exam

What will the exam look like?

There will be one paper 45 minutes long.

There will be a passage from '**Abomination**' to read and an essay question based on the theme of **survival**. You will be expected to do the following in each paragraph:

What skills will I be tested on?

READING

- **WHAT:** Present your thoughts about the passage at the beginning of each paragraph as clear, relevant claims
e.g. *Auggie sometimes appears a confident child, despite his difficulties.*
- **HOW:** Add evidence to support your claim, using quotation marks
e.g. *He corrects Julian, ' "The word's 'supposedly', by the way", I said.'*
- **WHY:** Analyse how the writer writes in the example of evidence.
e.g. *Here, Palacio uses dialogue and speech to show that although Auggie has not had many conversations with peers in his life, he confronts Julian's meanness by correcting him and showing him that he can stand up for himself. The phrase 'by the way' suggests slight sarcasm, revealing that Auggie is secure in his academic ability, even though he may be anxious about his looks.*

Useful resources

BBC Bitesize: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zfdh8xs>

OTHER RESOURCES

- Your 'Abomination' Workbook
- E-Text of 'Abomination'
- Practice Questions:
How does Swindells present survival in the following passages?
Pages 17-19; Pages 61-65; Pages 152-154

Year 8 Maths exam

What will the exam look like?

You will have one paper lasting 45 minutes in length.

What topics will I need to revise?

A full revision list for each paper will be posted on Show My Homework.

What skills will I be tested on?

Number, Algebra, Geometry, Statistics and Probability will be tested.

Useful Revision Sources:

Hegarty Maths

BBC Bitesize Maths

Chsgmaths.com



Year 8 Science exam

What will the exam look like?

- The exam will be a similar style to the end of topic tests.
- The questions will be mixed topics and the level of difficulty increases as you go through the exam paper.

What topics will I need to revise?

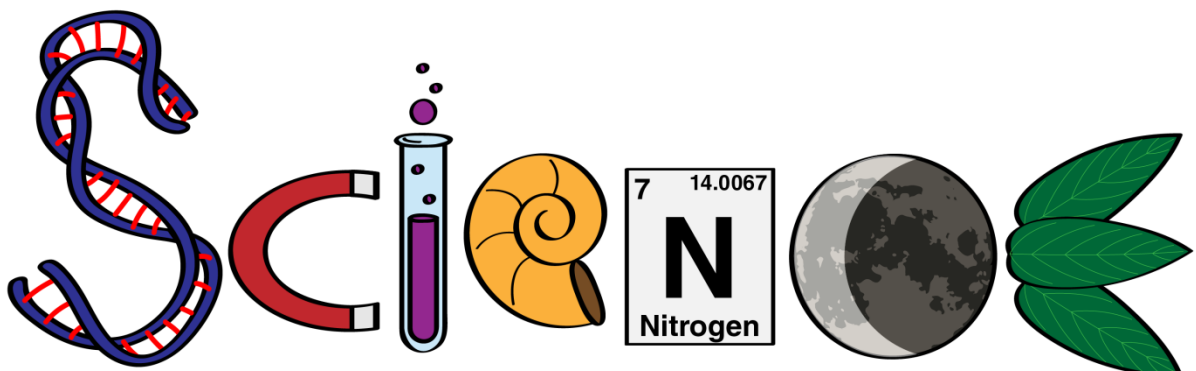
- Ecosystems
 - Earth and Atmosphere
 - Energy
 - Adaptations
 - Periodic table
 - Electricity
 - Health and Lifestyle
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- More details will be posted on SMHW to support your revision

What skills will I be tested on?

- Scientific vocabulary, interpreting data, diagrams, calculations and general knowledge

Useful Revision Sources:

- BBC Bitesize Science
- Revision question worksheet on SMHW
- Detailed checklist per topic on SMHW
- New information and questions from the lesson booklets



Year 8 History exam

What will the exam look like?

The exam will last for one hour.

There will be five sections in the exam paper as follows:

- In Section 1, students will be tested on key words and people.
- In Section 2, students will answer multiple choice questions to test knowledge understanding.
- In Section 3, students will read and answer questions about a historical source.
- In Section 4, students will read and answer questions about a historical interpretation.
- In Section 5, students will write a paragraph to explain a historical event or change.

What topics will I need to revise?

You need to revise the following topics, using your workbooks from class:

1. How has London changed over time?
2. What changed in the Early Modern period?
3. How did the Tudor dynasty change religion?
4. Was the Elizabethan period a golden age?

What skills will I be tested on?

- Your recall of key people, events and changes.
- Your knowledge and understanding of how and why changes happen.
- Your ability to make your own conclusions from a historical source.
- Your ability to compare two interpretations.
- Your ability to explain a historical event or change in an extended paragraph.

Useful Revision Sources:

As well as using your workbooks from class, there are some useful notes on BBC Bitesize.

[A summary of Elizabeth I - Elizabeth I - KS3 History Revision - BBC Bitesize](#)

[Religion in Tudor and Stuart times - Religion through time in the UK - KS3 History Revision - BBC Bitesize](#)



Year 8 Geography exam

What will the exam look like?

The exam will be in the format of a booklet for the students to write their answers in. It will look like the end of unit assessments.

The exam will take approximately 45 minutes to complete.

There will be a mixture of question styles- including short-response (tick the correct box or complete the missing word), and some longer-response questions (explaining processes or features).

What topics will I need to revise?

The topics will include:

- Population definitions and world population figures
- Sparsely and densely populated areas
- Natural Increase: birth rate and death rate
- The factors affecting population growth
- Reasons why LICs have higher birth rates
- Population Pyramid
- Earthquakes and volcanoes: plate boundaries
- Primary and secondary effects of earthquakes
- How to reduce the impacts of earthquakes
- Rivers key words.

All these topics are in the students' workbooks.

What skills will I be tested on?

The exam will test the students' recall skills, map skills, and explanation skills. Spelling, punctuation and grammar will also be assessed in the marking.

Useful Revision Sources:

Classwork workbooks, knowledge organisers, glossaries

BBC Bitesize is a useful website to use. The students should choose the KS3 Geography section and look under the *Population*, *Ecosystems* and *Natural hazards* heading.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education>



Year 8 MFL Exam

What will the exam look like?

It is a reading and translation test that covers all the topics and vocabulary seen during this year but more specifically workbook 3.

Section 1: A reading assessments. A variety of reading texts to which you will have to respond both by ticking boxes in multiple choice questions or with short replies either in English or the language you are studying.

Section 2: A translation from the language you are studying into English.

What topics will I need to revise?

You need to revise all the contents of workbooks 1, 2 and 3. You need to know all your teacher has taught you this year. Most of your text will be based on workbook 3:

- Topics
- Vocabulary
- Structures

What skills will I be tested on?

This is your reading test. Earlier in the year you have done a Listening test. This test checks a very important skill that is your ability to understand and respond to texts in the language you are studying.

Useful Revision Sources:

Linguascope.com

Your workbooks: 1, 2 and 3.

Your textbook which is available in any of the school computers: Start/All programs/Heinemann/KS3 French, German or Spanish.

All your notes, practice questions and tests that your teacher has given to you this year.



Year 8 Art exam

What will the exam look like?

- Part 1 of the exam will be a 2 hour observational drawing test from an image provided.
- Part 2 of the exam will be a written test.

What topics will I need to revise?

- Colour theory
- The formal elements and definitions

What skills will I be tested on?

Drawing section

- Drawing skills
- Composition and scale
- Tonal application

Written section

- Your understanding of the formal elements – what they mean and how they are used in Art
- How to mix primary/ secondary/ tertiary colours
- The definitions of culture and identity (the projects studied this year)
- Measuring out facial features

Useful Revision Sources:

- Use the back page of your sketchbook for the definitions and visual examples. This sheet was provided to you at the start of the year.
- Practise your observational drawing skills.

Equipment

Bring at least 2 pencils (2b&4b) and an eraser/ sharpener to your exam please.
You can bring a number of sketching pencils if you have them.



Year 8 Drama exam

What will the exam look like?

Students will perform a naturalistic duologue which they will develop with a peer in the lesson prior to the assessment. This will be a practical exam which will be performed in groups of two during lessons.

What topics will I need to revise?

Naturalistic rehearsal techniques, use of voice, and body language.

What skills will I be tested on?

Your ability to use:

- vocal skills,
- physical skills and
- stage space

to create a convincing performance.

Useful Revision Sources:

Duologue script (this will be given to you prior to the half term break, to give you time to learn your lines).

The 'Stanislavski' work booklet that you used in lesson.



Year 8 Citizenship exam

What will the exam look like?

- The exam will last 40 minutes.
- There will be 3 sections to the exams each focused on a different Citizenship skill.
- Sections 1 and 2 will be short questions focusing on knowledge and understanding.
- The 3rd section will require students to give their own opinion on an issue supported by reasoned and sustained knowledge and understanding.

What topics will I need to revise?

- Human Rights
- Political Activism
- What is News
- What is Law

What skills will I be tested on?

- Knowledge and understanding of Citizenship keywords
- The ability to apply Citizenship concepts, terms and issues to case studies
- The ability to analyse and evaluate evidence in the concept of Citizenship

Useful Revision Sources:

- Booklets from class work
- Past class assessments and reviews of those
- Specific topics from BBC Bitesize (students will be guided towards relevant subtopics)



Year 8 Food Exam

What will the exam look like?

Food:

- Multiple choice questions and knowledge recall questions
- Evaluation of a food product cooked to far
- You will need to use a calculator in the exam

What topics will I need to revise?

Food: Sensory vocabulary to describe food products

Eat well plate

Diet related illnesses

What skills will I be tested on?

Food:

- Show an understanding of healthy eating and the food groups shown on the Eatwell plate
- Show and apply knowledge of healthy diets for a range of age groups
- Use of sensory vocabulary to create a star diagram to evaluate food products
- Show and apply knowledge of equipment and how it is used
- Show and apply knowledge of ingredients and their function
- The ability to multiply the required amount and costs of ingredients when increasing the number of portions to be cooked.

Useful Revision Sources:

Food

Revision slide show will be available on Show My Homework



Year 8 Computer Science exam

What will the exam look like?

- Length: 50 minutes
- Exam will take place on the computer with mixture of multiple choice and written answers

What topics will I need to revise?

- **Understanding Computers** (Elements of a Computer Systems, Memory and Storage, Cloud Storage, The Central Processing Unit (CPU))
- **Binary** (Binary to Denary Conversion, Binary Addition, using ASCII table)
- **Programming** (Scratch – creating code using various blocks knowing what they do)

What skills will I be tested on?

- Knowledge and understanding of Computer Science Keywords
- Binary Arithmetic
- Understanding and writing a set of instructions (algorithms)

Useful Revision Sources:

- Workbooks and teacher presentations from Public Drive
- BBC Bitesize



Year 8 Music exam

What will the exam look like?

25 minutes (listening and written) and a small practical assessment based on current learning (film music).

What topics will I need to revise?


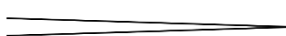
1. Understand, spell, and describe the following terms and Italian terms related to them:

Dynamics, Tempo, Pitch, Timbre, Texture, Rhythm, Structure, and Tonality.

2. Hear and identify features of this within an unfamiliar pop song listening question.
3. Understand and know structure of the Twelve Bar Blues chord pattern and the Blues Scale.
4. Understand and know what minimalism is and the techniques used in this style of music.
5. Describe key features of rap music.
6. Understand and identify sections within a pop song.
7. Perform a leitmotif from a film.

Other terms needed:

Dynamics:

Keyword	Definition	Symbol
<i>Pianissimo</i>	Very quiet	<i>pp</i>
<i>Piano</i>	Quiet	<i>p</i>
<i>Mezzo-piano</i>	Medium quiet	<i>mp</i>
<i>Mezzo-forte</i>	Medium loud	<i>mf</i>
<i>Forte</i>	Loud	<i>f</i>
<i>Fortissimo</i>	Very loud	<i>ff</i>
<i>Crescendo</i>	Gradually getting louder	
<i>Diminuendo</i>	Gradually getting quieter	

Articulation: Legato – smooth, staccato – bouncy.

Tempo: *Adagio* – slow, *Allegro* – fast, *accelerando* -gradually getting faster, *rallentando* – gradually getting slower

Texture: *Monophonic* – one unaccompanied melody line, *Homophonic* – melody supported by chords/accompaniment, *Polyphonic* – multiple melody lines at once.

Structure: 32 Bar song form, Verse, Chorus, Strophic (AAA), Binary (AB), Ternary (ABA), Rondo (ABACA), 12 Bar Blues.

Revisit **instruments** of the orchestra and pop music.

Know the signs, symbols, and names of the rhythm notes and how long they last for and identifying pitches of notes using the treble and bass clef.

What skills will I be tested on?

Listening/Aural, vocabulary, and theoretical knowledge of instruments, history of The Blues.

Useful Revision Sources:

Knowledge organisers in all booklets

SMHW – Miss Ogden will put resources on to support revision in this.

BBC Bitesize: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zmsvr82>

www.MusicTheory.net - support with reading of notation

YouTube for listening to pieces in the style of Blues & Jazz, Minimalism, Pop and Film music.

Year 8 Religious Studies exam

What will the exam look like?

You will complete a 30 minute test that will cover a variety of skills and knowledge.

What topics will I need to revise?

Humans Are Special – including Sanctity of Life, abortion, euthanasia and the death penalty

What skills will I be tested on?

- Keywords and vocabulary
- Your knowledge of religious teachings about why life is special
- Explaining your opinions
- Giving reasons for opposing views

Useful Revision Sources:

- Your workbook
- Resource and reminders will also be published on SMHW nearer the time
- These lessons on 'Abortion' and 'Euthanasia' are aimed at KS4, but might be of some use:

<https://teachers.thenational.academy/units/matters-of-life-and-death-da6c>

(You'll need to scroll down to see them)

Religious Symbols

