



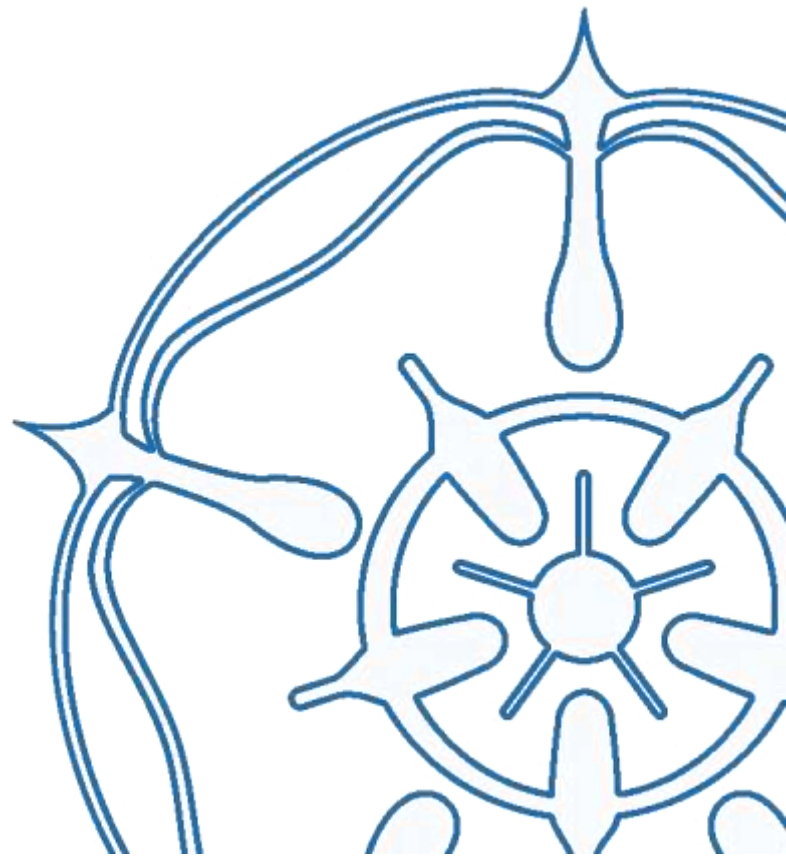
YEAR 8 – SPRING ASSESSMENTS

13th January – 24th January 2025

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Biology

What will the exam look like?

40 minutes, 40 marks (multiple choice questions, short response and 1 extended response (4 marks))

What will I be tested on?

Knowledge and understanding of the concepts in:

- Working Scientifically
- Health and Lifestyle
- Biological Processes Lessons 1-3 only
- Content from Year 7 Biology (Cells, Body Systems, Reproduction)

Useful Revision Sources:

- Booklets
- [KS3 Biology - BBC Bitesize](#)

Chemistry

What will the exam look like?

40 minutes, 40 marks (multiple choice questions, short response and 1 extended response (4 marks))

What will I be tested on?

Knowledge and understanding of the concepts in:

- Working Scientifically
- Separating Mixtures
- The Periodic Table Lessons 1-3 only
- Content from Year 7 Chemistry (Particle Model, Elements, Types of Reactions, Acids and Alkalis, The Earth's Structure)

Useful Revision Sources:

- Booklets
- [KS3 Chemistry - BBC Bitesize](#)

Citizenship

What will the exam look like?

A range of multiple choice and short answer questions

What skills will I be tested on?

Content will cover information learnt in booklets:

- Why was the struggle for the vote important? 8.1
- What is the law and how has it changed? 8.2

Useful Revision Sources:

Focus your revision on the knowledge organisers and home learning content from each booklets.



Computer Science

What will the exam look like?

Online exam made up of a mixture of multiple choice and short answer questions

What will I be tested on?

Unit 1 – Understanding Computers and Unit 2 – Binary & Logic Gates

Useful Revision Sources:

Workbook, Knowledge Organisers, PowerPoints on SharePoint

Dance

There will be no exam for Dance

Design and Technology

What will the exam look like?

There will be a mixture of question types, including multiple choice and short answer questions.

What will I be tested on?

The exam will be based on the knowledge of the tools and machinery used in the workshop and health and safety within the workshop. You will also be assessed on your knowledge of materials including timbers and textiles. There will be a maths-based question

Useful Revision Sources:

Focus your revision on the knowledge organisers and home learning content.

Drama

There will be no exam for Drama

English

What will the exam look like?

Part A) Short answer questions testing knowledge of poetry (10 marks)

Part B) A mini essay comparing two 'Power' poems (30 marks)

40 minutes

Total: 40 marks

What will I be tested on?

- Using the What/How/Why method, including embedding evidence
- Identifying and explaining poetic methods; exploring their effects
- Exploring writers' intentions
- Using new vocabulary

Useful Revision Sources:

- Power Poetry Knowledge Organiser (workbook)
- Episodes from Power Poetry workbook
- Teacher feedback from Mid-Unit Power Poetry Assessment



Food

What will the exam look like?

There will be a mixture of question types, including multiple choice and short answer questions.

What will I be tested on?

The exam will be based on your knowledge of health and safety in the kitchen, the Eatwell guide and the importance of a healthy diet. You will also be expected to answer questions about the role of the Environmental Health Officer, the 14 main allergens and how food poisoning occurs.

Useful Revision Sources:

Focus your revision on the knowledge organisers and home learning content.

French

What will the exam look like?

It is a listening, reading and writing test that covers topics and vocabulary of workbook 1 and 2 (up to the point you are in your lessons).

The listening part includes a dictation. Spellings are very important.

In the writing part you must cover all bullet points and grammar is very important. It also includes a translation into French.

The listening and reading parts combined make 50% of the mark.

The writing part makes the other 50% of the final mark.

What will I be tested on?

AO1: Understanding and responding to different types of spoken language

AO3: Understanding and responding to different types of written language

AO4: Communicating effectively in writing for a variety of purposes

Useful Revision Sources:

- Your workbook 1 and 2.
- Linguascope.com
- uk.language-gym.com
- Your textbook which is available in any of the school computers: Start/All programs/Heinemann/KS3 French
- All your notes, practice questions and tests that your teacher has given to you this year



Geography

What will the exam look like?

Types of Questions: multiple choice, one word or one sentence answers. Short paragraphs

What will I be tested on?

- Big Ideas: 1-Use geographical knowledge; 2-Show geographical understanding; 4-Use geographical skills
- Population, Africa, Development & Economic Activity, Oceans, Urbanisation, Weather & Climate, My World Map Skills

Useful Revision Sources:

- Workbooks for the above topics and the knowledge organisers and glossaries at the back of each workbook: copies of each are on the intranet.
- Your marked and improved EOT Assessments from Year 7 & 8
- A focused revision list will be posted on the Geography SharePoint page

History

What will the exam look like?

- For question 1, you need to answer five short quiz questions.
- For question 2, you need to match six key words to the correct definitions.
- For question 3, you need to match religious changes to the correct monarchs.
- For question 4, you need to explain some Tudor religious changes.
- For question 5, you need to explain the causes or consequences of an event.

What will I be tested on?

You need to know these topics in detail:

- Unit 6: How did the Tudor dynasty change religion?
- Unit 7: What happened in the English civil war?

Useful Revision Sources:

Use your class workbooks and Knowledge Organisers for the topics named above.

Maths

What will the exam look like?

A 40 minute paper that looks just like your unit assessments.

What will I be tested on?

All topics covered so far in Year 8

Useful Revision Sources:

- Sparx Independent learning
- Corbett Maths videos and worksheets on the topics above [Videos and Worksheets – Corbettmaths](#)
- Your workbooks



Music

What will the exam look like?

There will not be a Music assessment during the Year 8 exam week. Instead, your Spring report mark will be based on your Jazz and Blues assessment from earlier in the year.

At the end of this half-term term there will also be a short assessment in Lesson 5 of the Hip-hop, Rap and Grime topic you are currently working on. Speak to your teacher to confirm the date. In lessons you will write your own Rap lyrics and create a backing track on Soundtrap. In the assessment you will show your teacher everything you have been working on. This assessment mark will be carried forward and appear on your summer report.

What will I be tested on?

In the Rap and Grime assessment, you will receive marks for composing your own drum beat and riff and for using different textures in your track. You will also be marked on the quality of your rap lyrics and on whether your music is fluent and in time.

Useful Revision Sources:

None required – there will be lyric writing and composition time in lessons for the end of topic assessment.

Physical Education (PE)

There will be no exam for PE

Physics

What will the exam look like?

40 minutes, 40 marks (multiple choice questions, short response and 1 extended response (4 marks))

What will I be tested on?

Knowledge and understanding of the concepts in:

- Working Scientifically
- Energy
- Motion and Pressure Lessons 1-2 only
- Content from Year 7 Physics (Universe, Forces, Light and Sound)

Useful Revision Sources:

- Booklets

[Energy - KS3 Physics - BBC Bitesize](#)

[Motion and speed - Forces and movement - KS3 Physics - BBC Bitesize - BBC Bitesize](#)

[Pressure guide for KS3 physics students - BBC Bitesize](#)



Religious Studies

What will the exam look like?

You will complete a 30 minute / 20 mark exam that will be in three sections. It has exactly the same structure as the exams you completed in Year 7.

What will I be tested on?

You will be tested on **Unit 1: The Environment** and **Unit 2: Different types of relationships** (section 1 only).

Your exam will be divided into three sections:

- **Section 1:** 10 key word definitions (from both units)
- **Section 2:** An explanation question based on Unit 1: The Environment (5 marks)
- **Section 3:** An evaluation question based on Unit 1: The Environment (5 marks)

Useful Revision Sources:

- Unit 1 and Unit 2 workbooks
- Home learning knowledge organisers (Autumn)
- [Is the Earth sacred? – KS3 Religious Studies – BBC Bitesize](#)
- [Does it matter how we treat animals? – KS3 Religious Studies – BBC Bitesize](#)

Spanish

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Visual Arts

What will the exam look like?

Your next assessment is a food inspired painting in response to the work of Wayne Thiebaud.

Practical assessment based on your learning at school.

What will I be tested on?

Art skills: composition, tone, details, proportions, colour.

Useful Revision Sources:

Sketchbook & workbook