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Year 8 Exams

Information Booklet

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Year 8 English

What will the exam look like?

All assessments are 40 minutes (50 minutes for extra time students).

- **Autumn Term:** Power Poetry Reading assessment
- **Spring Term:** A Christmas Carol Narrative Writing Assessment
- **Summer term:** Section A: Reading assessment on Y8 Survival Novel Section B: Narrative Writing Assessment

What skills will I be tested on?

READING: You will need to write up your ideas about the text in clear, easy-to-follow paragraphs.

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 appearance.*

WRITING: You will need to write thoughtfully, aiming for quality over quantity. Plan and craft your writing using the knowledge and techniques you’ve learnt.

- Paragraphs with topic sentences, supporting details and concluding thoughts
- Structure techniques such as chronology manipulation, plot development and endings
- Language techniques: imagery, contrast, alliteration
- Compound and complex sentences
- UPAA vocabulary

Useful resources

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

OTHER RESOURCES: Your workbooks, especially mid unit assessments and feedback, Knowledge Organisers

Year 8 Maths

What will the exam look like?

You will have one paper lasting 40 minutes in length.

What topics will I need to revise?

A full revision list for each paper will be posted on Teams.

What skills will I be tested on?

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

Useful Revision Sources:

- Hegarty Maths
- MyMaths
- Dr Frost Maths
- Chsgmaths.com



Year 8 Science

What will the exam look like?

Exam paper will be 40 marks each for Biology, Chemistry, and Physics. It consists of MCQ's and fill in the gaps, there will be short and longer answer questions covering the different units of work you have studied so far in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics lessons.

These assessments will be cumulative. The content covered in year 7 will be part of these assessments.

What topics will I need to revise?

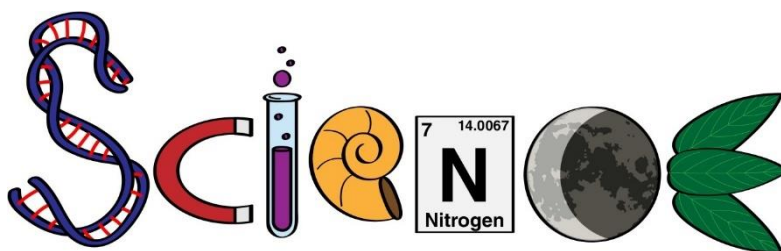
- Physics
- Energy (Year 8 contents)
- Light, forces, space (Year 7 contents)
- Chemistry
- Year 7 content: Atoms, elements and compounds; Particles; Chemical reactions; Acids and Alkalis
- Year 8 content: The periodic table
- Biology
- Ecosystem
- Cells and Reproduction (year 7 contents)

What skills will I be tested on?

- Scientific vocabulary (keywords)
- Interpreting data
- Diagrams
- Calculations
- General knowledge

Useful Revision Sources:

- Completed booklets, with knowledge organisers and glossary, BBC bitesize website, Revision materials on Teams.



Year 8 History

What will the exam look like?

The exam will last for 40 minutes.

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

- For question 1, you need to answer some short quiz questions
- For question 2, you need to match some keywords to the correct definitions.
- For question 3, you need to match some religious changes with the correct Tudor monarch.
- For question 4, you need to make some inferences (your own conclusions) from a historical source.
- For question 5, you need to explain how religion changed during the reign of three Tudor monarchs.

What topics will I need to revise?

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

1. Sanitation & Health In Britain, C.700BCE-c.1900CE
2. Why did William win at Hastings in 1066CE?
3. How did the Normans establish control in England?
4. Why did the First Crusade succeed?
5. How did the Tudor dynasty change religion in England?

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

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 40 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?

- Key words & Definitions
- Human Development Index
- Employment Sectors
- The Demographic Transition Model
- Gender Equality
- Globalisation
- Trans-National Corporations (TNCs)
- Sustainable Development Goals
- Reducing Poverty

What skills will I be tested on?

- Interpreting maps and graphs
- Describe
- Explain
- Using evidence

Useful Revision Sources:

- Knowledge Organisers at back of workbooks
- Glossaries at back of workbooks
- Lesson notes in workbooks
- Retrieval Starters



Year 8 MFL

What will the exam look like?

It is a listening and a speaking test that covers topics and vocabulary of workbook 1.

For the listening test, there will be a range of questions testing the ability to understand and respond to various audio recordings. The test will have activities like ticking boxes, multiple choice, short answers in English or in the target language, and will not be much different from the activities students do in their lessons.

The speaking assessment will take part in the classroom as part of the conversation with the teacher during an MFL lesson. The teacher will announce that the activity will be assessed. The activity will consist of a conversation with a teacher, responding to a question from the teacher or the teacher assessing various students working together. It won't be different from what students do in lessons normally.

What topics will I need to revise?

You need to know all that your teacher has taught in your workbook for Unit 1.

- Topics
- Vocabulary
- Structures

What skills will I be tested on?

These are your listening and speaking tests. These tests check very important skills which are your ability to understand and respond to a spoken message in the language you are studying, and the ability to hold a conversation about the topics you have seen in your lessons.

Useful Revision Sources:

- Linguascope.com
- Your workbook 1. All your previous workbooks from last year.
- 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

What will the exam look like?

- Part 1 of the exam will be a 1 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

What will the exam look like?

This will be a written exam in which students will be given a script extract and they will have to give suggestions regarding how they would use sound and lighting to enhance the extract.

What topics will I need to revise?

Sound and Lighting.

The PowerPoint for lessons 1 & 2 of the Gothic Thriller Unit has been made available to all y8 students via the 'files' tab on MS Teams. This PowerPoint includes model answers based on a different text.

What skills will I be tested on?

Sound and Lighting:

- Use of key terminology to create detailed suggestions
- The ability to make relevant design suggestions for the genre (Gothic Thriller) you are designing for
- The ability to justify your artistic decisions

See PowerPoint on MS Teams for a more detailed breakdown.

Useful Revision Sources:

Work booklet

PowerPoint on MS Teams



Year 8 Citizenship

What will the exam look like?

- The test will last 40 minutes.
- There will be 2 sections each focused on a different Citizenship skill.
- Section 1 will focus on your core knowledge and understanding
- Section 2 will focus on your ability to explain your knowledge and understanding

What topics will I need to revise?

- You will need to revise all the keywords from Booklet 1 – What is Citizenship.
- You should also revise the case studies (stories) in this booklet.

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:

- Booklet 1 – Local Democracy
- Booklet 2 – What are laws?



Year 8 Food

What will the exam look like?

- 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?

- Sensory vocabulary to describe food products
- Eat well plate
- Diet related illnesses

What skills will I be tested on?

- 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:

Revision slide show will be available on Teams



Computer Science

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?

Binary (Binary to Denary Conversion, Binary Addition, using ASCII table)

Logic Gates (reading and creating truth tables, reading Logic Gates, creating Logic Gates, Writing Logic statements)

What skills will I be tested on?

Knowledge and understanding of Computer Science Keywords

Binary Arithmetic

Creating Logic Gates

Useful Revision Sources:

Workbooks and teacher presentations

BBC Bitesize



Year 8 Music

What will the exam look like?

A practical performance based on Minimalism in lesson time. The mark will be a combination of the first half term's marks (Blues & Jazz) and this practical performance.

What topics will I need to revise?

Minimalism – Tubular Bells & Minimalism Compositional Techniques

What skills will I be tested on?

Ensemble skills – counting in, internalising the pulse, listening and communicating as a pair.

Composition – how to use minimalism compositional techniques to a stimuli piece to make it your own.

Performance – confidence in getting involved, adding dynamics and interpretation into your work, fluency and accuracy as an ensemble.

Year 8 Religious Studies

What will the exam look like?

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

What topics will I need to revise?

Unit 1: The Environment

- What is stewardship and what is Khalifah?
- How do Christians and Muslims help the environment?
- What do Hindus believe about the environment?
- Do animals have the same rights as humans?

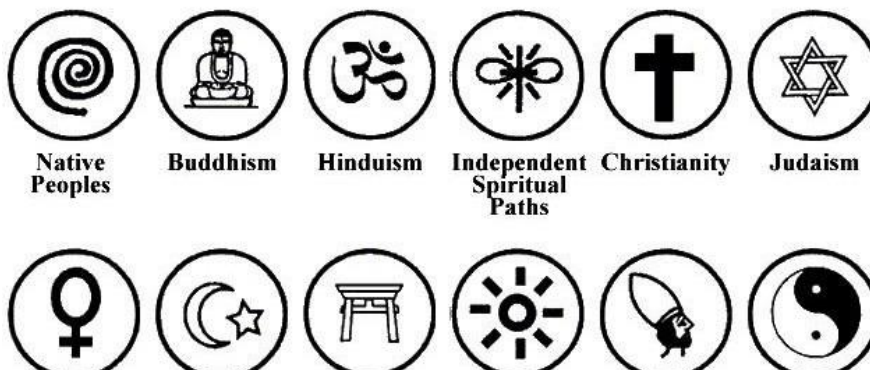
What skills will I be tested on?

- 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
- BBC Bitesize links on religious approaches to the environment:
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zkdk382/articles/z729vk7>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zxc9fcw/revision/7>

Religious Symbols



Year 8 Dance Exam

What will the exam look like?

Students will perform a piece of choreography in the style of hip-hop and based on the work *Emancipation of Expressionism*

What topics will I need to revise?

Hip-hop techniques e.g. popping, locking, waving and krumping.

Choreographic devices e.g. manipulation of numbers and action/reaction

Expressive skills e.g. focus, projection, facial expressions, musicality

What skills will I be tested on?

- Physical skills e.g. posture, alignment, strength, control.
- Expressive skills e.g. facial expressions, projection, focus and musicality
- Choreographic skills e.g. application of manipulation of numbers and action/reaction, create solo choreography.

Useful Revision Sources:

Emancipation of Expressionism booklet.

Boy Blue Entertainment website.

