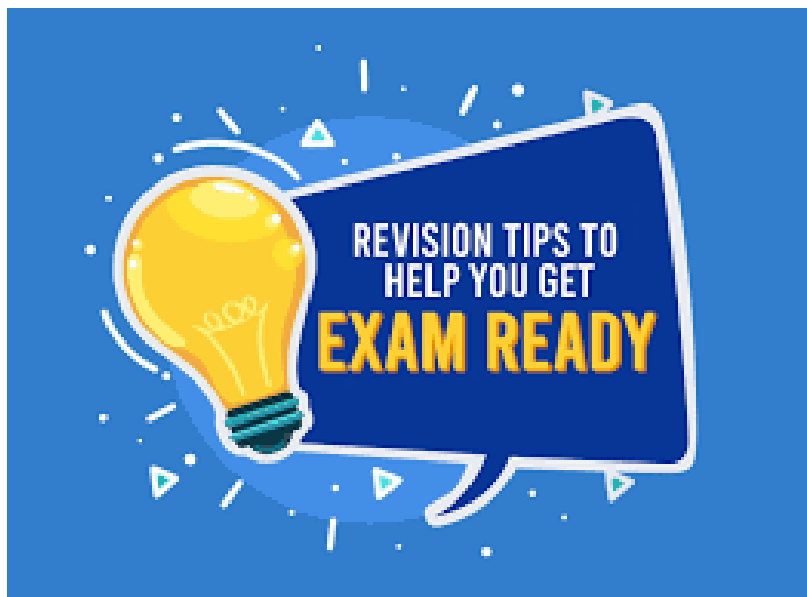


Year 9 Exam Information Booklet



Welcome

What are the Year 9 Exams?

The Year 9 Exams will be taking place in the week beginning Monday 14th June.

The exams will cover content delivered during students' examination courses, which commenced at the start of Year 9. The exam topics for each subject are detailed in the following pages so that students can plan their revision accordingly. Each subject page also includes information about the examination format, what skills students will be tested on, command words and where to find additional revision resources.

The style of these tests will be modelled on GCSE questions which are used by the exam boards.

What happens if a student misses an exam due to absence from school?

If a student is absent from school, we will put in place arrangements for the exam to be completed at a later date.

How can students prepare for the exams?

While some revision will be completed in school over the next two weeks, it is also very important that students complete revision at home to help prepare for these exams. This will ensure that they are as thoroughly prepared as possible for these exams.

A starting point for revision will be to review all of the subject workbooks from the start of year 9. It is also recommended that students put together a revision timetable which identifies slots for each subject for revision.

What equipment should students bring to each exam?

- Black Biro/ pens (at least two)
- Calculator (for Maths and Science exams)
- Pencils (at least two) – preferably HB
- Ruler (preferably 30cm ruler)
- Eraser
- Protractor
- Pair of Compasses
- A pencil sharpener

Planning a Revision Timetable

To help plan your time, it is useful to devise a revision timetable. The key to an effective timetable is to stick to it. Things always get in the way, but this is a key part of your exam preparation to get right.

A solid revision schedule not only guarantees you cover everything you need to in time for the exam, but it also breaks everything down into more manageable chunks – much less scary!

Once you start getting everything out on paper or screen, you'll have a proper idea of the task ahead. The ideal revision timetable will be prepared enough in advance that you have a bit of balance and don't burn yourself out.

A basic revision timetable is essentially a calendar. But instead of holidays and birthdays, it contains topics and subjects you need to revise on specific days. Yours doesn't really have to stray far from this very simple model:

1. Divide however long you have until your exams by how many subjects you study.
2. Divide all the topics and areas you need to cover accordingly.
- 3.

Your teachers will tell you what you need to revise for their subjects. This will be put on SharePoint for you to access and print pages off from if you need to.

How do I prioritise what I need to revise?

Ask yourself what subjects or particular topics within those subjects do you need to spend more time on? Perhaps your feedback has flagged areas you need to pay attention to? Or there are certain subjects where you need to achieve a certain grade, to progress into what you plan to do next? Make sure you prioritise these in your revision schedule. But remember to include those subjects that you're stronger at.

Revision timetable apps

These apps can help you structure and plan your revision schedule. They offer study timetable templates to start from, plus a whole host of other features:

- My Study Life: an app to use throughout the year, not just during your revision period. Track homework and assignments, and organise your daily and weekly schedule. Everything is stored in the Cloud for easy access on multiple devices. Available on: Play Store, iTunes
- SQA My Study Plan: created by the Scottish Qualification Authority for students, the app creates a personalised study plan based on when your exams are. Available on: Play Store, iTunes
- Timetable: Timetable is one way to manage school life across your devices. Available on: Play Store
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... and if you're a bit more analogue, then a big piece of paper can do very nicely indeed.

Year 9 Art Exam

What will the exam look like?

The exam will last between 4-5 hours. Exam will be practical, drawing based task.

What skills will I be tested on?

Your ability of applying formal elements in to your drawing.

Command Words:

Composition, tone, texture, colour, detail, mark making and shape.

Useful Revision Sources:

Practise drawing skills; Youtube tutorials



Year 9 Business Exam

What will the exam look like?

The exam will last for 40 minutes.

You will answer all parts of the paper which will consist of multiple choice, data response and short answer questions such as 3 mark 'explain' questions.

What topics will I need to revise?

Theme 1

Topic 1.1 Enterprise and Entrepreneurship

Topic 1.2 Spotting a business opportunity

What skills will I be tested on?

1) AO1 - Knowledge recall

2) AO1 - Understanding of key business concepts learned

3) AO2 - Application of those key concepts into various business scenarios

Command Words:

State or define, outline, and explain questions that will have 1, 2 and 3 marks allocated to them.

Useful Revision Sources:

Revision guide

Revision workbook

Tutor2u website - GCSE Business section

Seneca online learning where you are set assignments and can complete independent revision on the relevant topics



Year 9 Citizenship Exam

What will the exam look like?

The exam will last for 45 minutes. There will be a mixture of question formats, including multiple choice, single-word answers, longer questions and one extended essay style question.

What topics will I need to revise?

A1 - UK communities and cohesion
A2 - Local Government and taxation
A3 - Rights in all their forms
C1 - Law and Policing

What skills will I be tested on?

- 1) Your knowledge of Citizenship concepts, ideas and key terminology linked to Theme A and C
- 2) Your ability to apply your knowledge to respond to source material

Command Words:

Identify: Name or state something – this is a short answer and doesn't need detail.

Explain: Give reasons why and develop them in some detail. Use explaining phrases like 'because' and 'so'.

Suggest: Give one possible reason why.

Compare: Identify similarities and/or differences.

Useful Revision Sources:

First use completed booklets since Y9. In addition, revision will be carried out in lesson time using the new revision booklet. Lesson slides and additional information can be found on the Y10 Exam SharePoint.



Year 9 Computer Science Exam

What will the exam look like?

The exam will last for 45 minutes.

There will be three sections in total.

Each section will be made up of a mixture of multiple choice and short answers

What topics will I need to revise?

Unit 3: Data Representation

Unit 4: Logic Gates ONLY

Unit 5: Networks

Unit 6: Cyber Security

What skills will I be tested on?

To be able to carry out Binary arithmetics

Calculate Image/Sound file sizes

Explain how data can be compressed using run length encoding (RLE)

Construct truth tables for logic gates

Draw Star and Bus topologies

Draw and label the 4 layer protocol model

Identify Social Engineering techniques

Command Words:

Calculate: Work out the value of something.

Compare: Identify similarities and/or differences.

Convert: Change data from one specified form to another.

Define: Specify meaning.

Draw: Produce a diagram.

Explain: Set out purposes or reasons.

Give: Produce an answer from recall.

Justify: Support a case with evidence.

State: Express in clear terms.

Suggest: Present a possible case/solution

Useful Revision Sources:

Teacher resources will be sent on Show My Homework



Year 9 Dance GCSE Exam

What will the exam look like?

The exam will last 40 minutes and will feature a range of short and extended questions

What topics will I need to revise?

A Linha Curva, Shadows and Emancipation of Expressionism. Production Features (costume, staging, set, lighting and aural setting).

What skills will I be tested on?

Identifying and describing the different production features of the professional works. How to use production features in your own work.

Command Words:

Describe, Explain, Identify

Useful Revision Sources:

AQA GCSE Dance website, CHSG Dance YouTube



Year 9 Design and Technology Exam

What will the exam look like?

The exam will last 45 minutes and will feature a range of short and extended questions

What topics will I need to revise?

Paper and Card: Sizes, differences between and types of papers and cards. The process of making paper and card. Properties of materials. Sustainability and the environmental impact of products

What skills will I be tested on?

Know the different sizes and how thickness are measured. Process of making paper. Methods of joining. Methods of adding decoration to paper. Identify the reasons why it is important to consider the life cycle analysis of products and their impact.

Command Words:

Analyse, Describe, Explain, Identify

Useful Revision Sources:

Workbooks

BBC Bitesize - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/z4nfwty>

Technologystudent.com



Year 9 Drama Exam

What will the exam look like?

The exam will last for 40 minutes. You will have access to your DNA script for this exam.

What topics will I need to revise?

Vocal skills. Physical skills. Non-verbal communication. Characterisation within the play text DNA.

What skills will I be tested on?

You will be writing from the perspective of a performer and you will need to say how you would interpret several characters from the play DNA, in a way that demonstrates understanding of moments in the play.

Command Words:

Explain, Suggest

Useful Revision Sources:

DNA play text. Current work booklet.



Year 9 English Exam

What will the exam look like?

The exam will last for 40mins. There will be a passage for you to refer to when answering the essay style exam question.

What topics will I need to revise?

Anything you have studied from your booklet up to and including Chapter 4, especially the mid-unit prep lesson about Jack. The 'What? How? Why?' method of writing about a text.

What skills will I be tested on?

Make clear points that answer the question. Support points with relevant quotes. Use terminology accurately. Explore the effects of writer's methods. Make specific links to context

Command Words:

WHAT is the writer saying? What is the character like? When is he like it? What evidence/quotation supports your point about the character?

HOW is the writer saying it? How does Golding make the character the way you have observed using language/ plot/ structure? What do some of the individual words and phrases in your quotation suggest? Which words and phrases from your quotation create a particular impression? Are there any language features being used, like alliteration or simile? Could the words and phrases suggest more than one thing? Does the character symbolize anything, here or in the whole novel?

WHY is the writer saying it? Why might the writer have presented the character in this way? How might these ideas relate to the context of the novel? What might the writer be suggesting/questioning/criticizing/exploring?

Useful Revision sources:

Your lord of the flies workbook



Year 9 Geography Exam

What will the exam look like?

The exam will last for 40 minutes.

You will answer all parts of Question 3 on Coastal Landscapes in the UK and all parts of Question 4 On River Landscapes in the UK. Questions will range from multiple choice, through short sentence answers, up to longer paragraph describe and explain answers

What topics will I need to revise?

Coasts:

Constructive & Destructive waves

Spits

Mass Movement

Hard Engineering

Erosional Landforms (headlands, Caves etc.)

Rivers:

Cross Profile

Meanders

Transportation Processes

Soft Engineering

Erosional Features e.g. waterfalls and gorges

What skills will I be tested on?

Skills will include using sources (diagrams, sketches, photographs); maths calculating averages (e.g. mean, median, mode). Remember to read the question and use the source AND own knowledge when asked to do so.

Command Words:

Compare: Identify similarities and differences. Use data where available

Suggest: Present a possible case. Similar to explain

Explain: Set out causes, purposes or reasons.

Describe: Set out characteristics.

Useful Revision Sources:

GCSE Geography SharePoint has all the revision resources and links to websites you will need. There is also a revision PowerPoint on SMHW for you to use.



Year 9 History Exam

What will the exam look like?

The exam will last for 45 minutes.

There will be three questions in total.

Question 1 will require you to identify a similarity or difference between two time periods.

Question 2 will require you to use your knowledge to explain something. Question 3 will be a mini essay question where you will be required to write a balanced answer and reach a final judgement.

What topics will I need to revise?

1. Medicine in medieval England, c.1250-1500.
2. The Medical Renaissance in England, c.1500-1700
3. Medicine in 18th and 19th century Britain, c.1700-1900

What skills will I be tested on?

1. Your ability to compare medicine and health in two historical periods.
2. Your ability to why events and changes happen.
3. Your ability to evaluate an event, change or situation in the past.

Command words:

1. Explain: Give reasons why and develop them in some detail. Use explaining phrases like 'because' and 'so'.
2. How far do you agree: You need to write a balanced answer by agreeing and disagreeing with the statement, before giving a final decision.

Useful Revision Sources:

As well as using the notes in your class workbooks, you should use the revision videos on the CHSG History YouTube channel. The link is www.youtube.com/CHSGHistory



Year 9 Hospitality and Catering Exam

What will the exam look like?

The exam will last 45 minutes and will feature a range of short and extended questions

What topics will I need to revise?

L02 How Hospitality and Catering provision works. L04 Causes of food related ill health

What skills will I be tested on?

Identify the causes of food related illnesses and their effects. Describe how to prevent the illnesses. The role of the EHO and HACCP. You should be able to identify equipment and explain their functions. Personal health and safety in a catering environment. How technology is used in hospitality establishments and how the needs of customers can be met.

Command Words:

Analyse, Describe, Explain, Identify

Useful Revision Sources:

Work books

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



Year 9 Maths Exam

What will the exam look like?

There will be 2 exams each of 45 minutes

The first will be with a calculator - (then all calculators must be placed on the floor under the desk)

The second exam will be without a calculator.

Each exam will take 50 minutes.

What topics will I need to revise?

This will depend on which teaching group you are in.

9mx1,9mx2,9my1,9my2 - You will have questions on

Unit 1H - Number

Unit 2H - Algebra

Unit 3H - Interpreting and Representing Data

Unit 5H - Angles and Trigonometry

9mx3,9mx4,9my3,9my4 - You will have questions on

Unit 1F+ - Number

Unit 2F+ - Algebra

Unit 3F+ - Graphs Tables and Charts

Unit 4F+ - Fractions and Percentages

9mx5,9my5 - You will have questions on

Unit 1F - Algebra 1

Unit 2F - Fractions and percentages 1

Unit 3F - Graphs, Tables and Charts 1

What skills will I be tested on?

You will need to:

- recall key information
- use this information to solve problems
- and interpret information given to you in a variety of different ways.

Command Words:

There are many! - please find them at this link - [CLICK THIS CELL](#)

Useful Revision Sources:

Detailed topics for revision can all be found at this link. You will have to choose the correct pathway

Set 1, 2 - Higher

Set 3,4 - Foundation Plus

Set 5 - Foundation

Then use the small expand icon to reveal more detail on the unit you select.

[CLICK THIS CELL.](#)

Also the three main online resources we use are useful for practice - "THE BEST WAY TO REVISE MATHS IS TO DO MATHS" Mr Alletson 2021, and others.

www.hegartymaths.com

www.mymaths.co.uk

www.dr frostmaths.com

These all have excellnet questions and examples/videos/lessons.

For any login information please visit -

www.chsgmaths.com

and click Login Details, select send and you will then be sent all of your login details.



Year 9 Media Studies Exam

What will the exam look like?

The exam will last for one hour, there will be three questions in total on the media texts you have studied so far. There will be one question on music videos and two questions on magazines. For one of the questions you will need to compare a media text you have never seen before with the GQ or Pride magazine cover you have studied.

What topics will I need to revise?

- **Magazines** - GQ and Pride
- **Music Video** - Katy Perry Roar and Bruno Mars Uptown Funk

What skills will I be tested on?

You will be tested on your ability to analyse the media texts you have studied in writing. You will be expected to be able to analyse how media language is used, how and why social groups are represented in the way that they are in media texts and how audiences might find media texts engaging and how they are targeted by media producers.

Command Words:

“Explore” or “Explain” - analyse how media language has been used in the text to create meaning and engage the text’s audience.

“Compare” - any question asking you to compare is also asking you to analyse how media language has been used to create meaning, but in more than one text. You must make sure that you are drawing comparisons between the two media texts you are being asked to write about in these sorts of questions.

“How far...?” - “How far...?” questions usually include an opinionated statement on an issue or text you have studied. In your answer you need to analyse the degree to which you agree with the statement. Introducing an argument and then bringing in a counterargument can be a useful strategy to use to tackle these questions.

“Name/Identify” - “Name” or “identify” questions tend to appear in section B of Paper 1 where they are worth one or two marks. They can be answered in a few words (sometimes even one word).

Useful Revision Sources:

GCSE Media Studies pages on the BBC Bitesize

website: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/ztnygk7>

Exam board resources from EDUQAS: https://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/media-studies-gcse/?sub_nav_level=digital-resources#tab_resources and <https://resources.eduqas.co.uk/Pages/ResourceByArgs.aspx?subId=20&lvlId=2>

Mrs Fisher on YouTube, she's an experienced Media Studies teacher who's produced some excellent video tutorials for GCSE and A Level

Media: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUKrxp4BcJrGLzmqAhCjASg/videos>

Year 9 MFL Exam

What will the exam look like?

Two exams each of 45 minutes. Reading and writing

What topics will I need to revise?

Units 1, 2 and 3 (family and friends, technology and family and friends)

What skills will I be tested on?

Understanding and responding to different types of written language.

Communicating effectively in writing for a variety of purposes.

Useful Revision Sources:

Our Workbooks have most, if not all, of what you need to succeed in this exam.

Kerboodle (online access to the textbook we have based our workbooks on)

BBC Bitesize

All the links in your workbooks (1, 2, 3): they link you to extension work and additional revision.

Languagesonline.co.uk (all languages) and Spanishdict.com (specifically Spanish)



Year 9 Music Exam

What will the exam look like?

The exam will last for 45 minutes. There will be a mixture of unfamiliar listening questions, music theory and a 10 mark essay question.

What topics will I need to revise?

Pop Music, Film Music, Orchestra over time, Music theory.

What skills will I be tested on?

- 1) Your ability to apply your knowledge of keywords to unfamiliar listening pieces.
- 2) Your knowledge of different styles of music and identifying these.

Command Words:

Identify, explain, describe, evaluate.

Useful Revision Sources:

Musictheory.net, BBC Bitesize, Focus on Sound, Knowledge Organisers



Year 9 PE GCSE Exam

What will the exam look like?

The exam will last for 1 hour 15 minutes. There will be a mixture of question format, including multiple choice, short answers and extended answers.

What topics will I need to revise?

Paper 2: Health and Performance. Topic 1.1: Well-being, Topic 1.2: sedentary lifestyle, Topic 1.3: Diet, Topic 2.1: Classification of skills, Topic 2.2: SMART targets, Topic 2.3: Feedback and guidance, Topic 3.1 Influences, Topic 3.2: commercialisation and Topic 3.3 Sporting behaviour

What skills will I be tested on?

- 1) Recall and knowledge of all topics (AO1).
- 2) Apply knowledge to sporting examples.
- 3) Analyse and evaluate all topics.

Command Words:

Access, analyse, define, describe, discuss, explain, evaluate, give, identify, label, state and using an example.

Useful Revision Sources:

Notes in your class workbooks, BBC bitesize and knowledge organisers.



Year 9 Photography Exam

What will the exam look like?

The exam will last between 4-5 hours. Exam will be practical; you will be expected to take a mini set of photographs and digitally and/or physically manipulate your images.

What skills will I be tested on?

Your ability of taking a good photograph and applying formal elements. Ability of manipulating your images.

Command Words:

What makes a good photograph? composition, tone, digital/physical manipulation

Useful Revision Sources:

Practise your skills. Resources folder on SharePoint with video tutorials on digital manipulations.



Year 9 Religious Studies Exam

What will the exam look like?

The exam will last for 40 minutes. You will complete a standard (a), (b), (c) and (d) question on the topic of Crime and Punishment. There will also be a keyword test, held in classrooms and ahead of the main exam

What topics will I need to revise?

Crime and Punishment, including

- Justice
- Crime
- Muslim teachings about good and evil actions
- Punishment
- Forgiveness
- Treatment of criminals
- Capital punishment

What skills will I be tested on?

- Your command of technical vocabulary (available as part of your glossary)
- Your knowledge of Islamic and non-religious teachings of the topics within Crime and Punishment
- Your ability to construct balanced argument on one of the topics with a reasoned / justified conclusion

Command Words:

Part (a): State / outline - Provide knowledge of religion and belief by recalling factual information.

Part (b): Describe - Provide an understanding of religion and belief and contrast with that of another.

Part (b): Explain - Provide understanding of an aspect of religion and belief and develop this beyond a basic response.

Part (c): Explain - Provide understanding of an aspect of religion and belief and develop this beyond a basic response. In addition, you will be required to reference one source of wisdom or authority in support of your explanation.

Part (d): Evaluate - Interpret a given statement to consider different viewpoints and perspectives relating to the importance or significance of a particular aspect of a religion or belief. Arguments must be justified by the examination of evidence leading to a supported conclusion.

Useful Revision Sources:

Your Crime and Punishment workbook. This is your primary source. In it you will find:

- Practice exam questions in lesson 5 and 10 (with answers on the next page)
- Retrieval lessons (lessons 11 - 15)
- A glossary of key terms (at the front)

...as well as all of the content of the regular lessons (1 - 4, 5 - 9)

Revision tip: please make sure you have learnt your keywords. You will not be able to access some of the questions if you do not know the technical language (look at the glossaries for help with this).

Year 9 Science Combined Exam

What will the exam look like?

The exam will last for 1 hour. There will be a mixture of question formats, including multiple choice, single-word answers, maths skills, and extended response.

What topics will I need to revise?

Biology - B1 (Cell structure and transport), B2 (Cell division), B3 (Organisation and the digestive system).

Chemistry - C1 (Atomic structure), C2 (The periodic table), C3 (Structure and bonding).

Physics P1 (Conservation and dissipation of energy), P2 (Energy transfer by heating).

What skills will I be tested on?

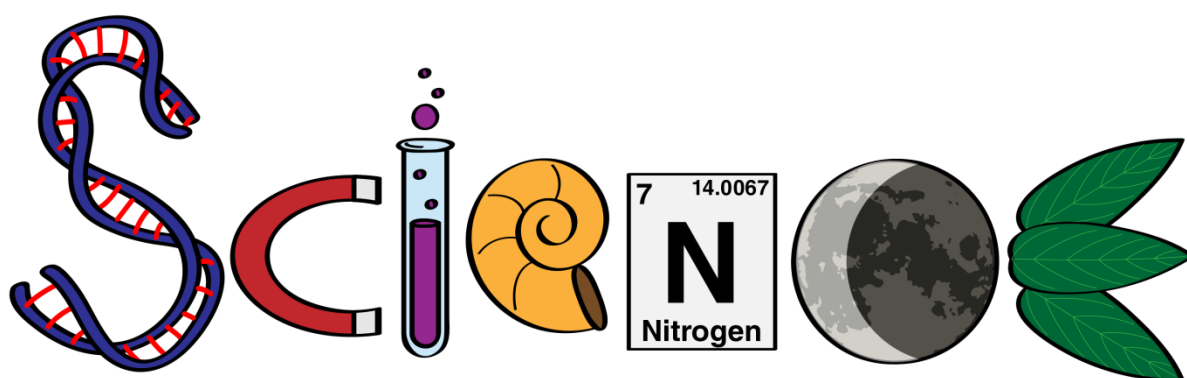
Knowledge and understanding of the content of each topic. Your ability to use maths skills effectively. Your ability to understand how experiments can be used to support ideas. Your ability to structure your ideas clearly (e.g. in a practical method).

Command Words:

1. Describe - give some facts or details about a concept or a set of results
2. Explain - give the reasons for something happening
3. Evaluate - give pros and cons of something before making a conclusion
4. Compare - Describe the similarities and differences between two or more things.

Useful Revision Sources:

1. Notes and 'New information' section in workbooks.
- 2 - CHSG Science Youtube Channel.
- 3 - Additional resources are available on the GCSE Science Sharepoint - you have been sent a link to this via email.



Year 9 Science Triple Exam

What will the exam look like?

You will take three papers, one for each subject. Each exam will last 45 minutes. There will be a mixture of question formats, including multiple choice, single-word answers, maths skills, and extended response.

What topics will I need to revise?

Biology - B1 (Cell structure and transport), B2 (Cell division), B3 (Organisation and the digestive system), B4 (Organising plants and animals).

Chemistry - C1 (Atomic structure), C2 (The periodic table), C3 (Structure and bonding), C4 (Chemical calculations).

Physics P1 (Conservation and dissipation of energy), P2 (Energy transfer by heating), P4 (Electric circuits).

What skills will I be tested on?

Knowledge and understanding of the content of each topic. Your ability to use maths skills effectively. Your ability to understand how experiments can be used to support ideas. Your ability to structure your ideas clearly (e.g. in a practical method).

Command Words:

1. Describe - give some facts or details about a concept or a set of results
2. Explain - give the reasons for something happening
3. Evaluate - give pros and cons of something before making a conclusion
4. Compare - Describe the similarities and differences between two or more things.

Useful Revision Sources:

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- 2 - CHSG Science Youtube Channel.
- 3 - Additional resources are available on the GCSE Science Sharepoint - you have been sent a link to this via email.

Year 9 Sociology Exam

What will the exam look like?

The exam will last for 45 minutes.

There will be three sections in total.

Each section will be made up of a mixture of one mark knowledge checks and three and four mark short answer exam questions

What topics will I need to revise?

1. Sociological key concepts
2. Sociological theory
3. Sociological research methods

What skills will I be tested on?

1. Your knowledge and understanding of sociological concepts, methods and theories
2. Your ability to make connections between sociological concepts and theories

Command Words:

Identify- State a point briefly or name

Describe- set out the main features or characteristics

Explain- give reasons why and develop them in detail

Useful Revision Sources:

1. Notes in your class workbooks
2. Revision resources sent on SMHW

