



Year 8

Examinations Fortnight
15th-26th May 2017

- ◇ **Which subjects will be examined?**
- ◇ **How long will each examination be?**
- ◇ **How should I prepare for these examinations?**

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All students in Year 7, 8 and 9 will be sitting summer examinations in the following subject areas:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Humanities
- Modern Foreign Language

This booklet outlines the length and focus of each examination so that you know what to expect in each subject and so that you can prepare yourself.

- ◇ Examinations will be held in normal lesson time when you are timetabled for the subject and will be in your normal classroom. The week before the examination fortnight, your class teacher will be able to tell you which lesson the examination will be held in.
- ◇ It is important that before an examination you line up in silence outside the classroom and enter in silence when instructed by the teacher.
- ◇ You will be allowed to take a pencil case to your desk but all bags and coats must be left at the front of the classroom (your teacher will give you instructions).

5. Modern Foreign Languages: French, Spanish or Urdu

Number of examinations: 1

Length of examination: 1 hour

This examination will assess students' knowledge and understanding of:

- ◇ My family/personal details
- ◇ My house and local area
- ◇ Freetime/Hobbies and interests
- ◇ Daily routine
- ◇ Grammar tenses including present and future.

The examination will cover listening, reading and translation skills.

Students should prepare for this by:

- revising from their exercise book

Related help can be found in the relevant text books for Year 8:

- ◇ French: Metro 1 and 2
- ◇ Spanish: Listos 1 and 2
- ◇ BBC Bitsize

Students of Urdu should revise from their exercise books and worksheets given by their teacher.

4. Humanities

Number of examinations: 1
Length of each examination: 45 minutes
Format Total Marks: 40 – 20 per section – 3 questions per section Students will need to choose two out of three possible questions
Timing 45 Minutes (22 ½ minutes per section)
This examination will assess students' knowledge and understanding of three subjects (students are expected to prepare three topics for each subject): History <u>Making of the UK</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◇ To explain the reasons for the Break with Rome in 1534◇ To describe the positive and negative aspects of London in the 1600's◇ To explain the major causes of the English Civil War Religious Studies <u>Sikhism</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◇ To be able to explain the story of Guru Nanak◇ To explain the main features and functions of a Gurdwara and how this may impact people's lives◇ To explain at least one major Hindu festival Geography <u>Africa</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◇ To describe what the Millennium Development Goals are.◇ To explain what the Brandt Line is and why it might be out of date.◇ To explain what different development indicators are and how they differ in their usefulness.
Students should prepare for this by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">◇ Read through your green Humanities books◇ Find the relevant chapters within the text books◇ Look at the resources on the MLE◇ Access the materials in Student Central Resources◇ Devise suitable revision methods (notes, mind maps, revision cards etc)

I. English

Number of examinations: 2
Length of each examination: 45 minutes
Name of examinations: <ul style="list-style-type: none">◇ English◇ English Literature
This examination will assess students' knowledge and understanding of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">◇ Paper 1 – English: Creative Writing◇ Paper 2 – Literature: Much Ado About Nothing
Students should prepare for this by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">◇ Writing imaginative and engaging short stories; including interesting characters, effective dialogue and thoughtful plotline.◇ Revising key characters and themes in Shakespeare play studied. Analysing language and effect.

2. Mathematics

Number of examinations: 1
Length of examination: 1 hour
This examination will assess students' knowledge and understanding of: Everything that is on the curriculum map for the class that you are in. Your curriculum map can be found in your exercise book but you can get a spare copy from the Maths faculty office.
Students should prepare for this by: Revising using the internet: <ul style="list-style-type: none">◇ by doing the booster packs on MyMaths◇ watching the videos on mathswatchvle. Going over class-work using your textbook.

3. Science

Number of examinations: 1
Length of each examination: 1 hour
This examination will assess students' science skills : ◇ Data analysis
This examination will assess students' knowledge and understanding of: Biology Microorganisms Digestive system Balanced diet Respiration Photosynthesis Chemistry Word equations Separation techniques Physics States of matter Temperature SI units
Students should prepare for this by: ◇ Recording/revising using Exploring Science text book ◇ Practice questions in text book ◇ Use exercise book to revise