



Year 9

Examinations Fortnight 15th-26th May 2017

- ◇ Which subjects will be examined?
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- ◇ 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 each examination: 1 hour

This examination will assess students' knowledge and understanding of the following topics:

- ◇ My family/personal details
- ◇ Food and drink
- ◇ Clothes/Shopping
- ◇ Holidays
- ◇ Leisure time
- ◇ Health
- ◇ Jobs/Future Plans (Urdu)
- ◇ Tenses to be revised are a minimum of past, present and future: imperfect, and conditional should also be revised if covered in class.

The examination will assess 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>Industrial Revolution</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◇ To explain the problems with the old system of farming in 1750 and how enclosure led to increase food supplies◇ To explain the major changes to Britain in the Industrial Revolution 1750-1900◇ To describe a famous inventor and how their invention had a major impact on Britain
Religious Studies <u>Hinduism</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◇ To describe the major Hindu beliefs in God◇ To explain Hindu beliefs on Life after Death◇ To explain the four main Hindu methods of worship
Geography <u>Population</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◇ To use maps to describe populations patterns around the world.◇ To explain why people move from rural to urban areas in less developed countries.◇ To explain why conditions in favelas can make life difficult for people.
Students should prepare for this by: Read through your green Humanities books <ul style="list-style-type: none">◇ 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: English – 45 minutes English Literature – 1 hour
Name of examinations: English English Literature
This examination will assess students' knowledge and understanding of:
Paper 1 – English: <ul style="list-style-type: none">◇ Creative Writing (45 minutes)
Paper 2 – Literature: <ul style="list-style-type: none">◇ Extract from Macbeth (40 minutes)◇ Write a response to a given poem from the anthology (20 minutes)
Students should prepare for this by:
English: <ul style="list-style-type: none">◇ Writing imaginative and engaging short stories; including interesting characters, effective dialogue and thoughtful plotline.
English Literature: <ul style="list-style-type: none">◇ Revising key characters and themes in Macbeth. Analysing language and effect.◇ Revising key quotes.

2. Mathematics

Number of examinations: 1
Length of each examination: 2 lessons
<p>This examination will assess students' knowledge and understanding of:</p> <p>The students will sit a real past GCSE paper since they have already started the GCSE course. The paper will therefore contain topics that the students have not yet covered. This should not be a concern as students will only be expected to answer questions on the topics that have already been taught in lesson.</p> <p>The mark will be used as a base line to monitor progress in KS4.</p> <p>The Foundation paper will contain questions up to the new GCSE level 5.</p> <p>The higher paper will contain questions up to the new GCSE level 9.</p>
<p>Students should prepare for this by:</p> <p>Revising using the internet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◇ by doing the booster packs on MyMaths◇ watching the videos on mathswatchvle.◇ Going over class-work using their textbooks.◇ Practise answering exam questions by going over your practise exam papers.

3. Science

Number of examinations: 2						
Length of each examination: 2 x 1 hour						
<p>This examination will assess students' scientific skills in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◇ How Science works◇ Planning an investigation◇ Data processing and analysis <p>This examination will assess students' knowledge and understanding of:</p> <table><tr><td>Biology</td><td>Photosynthesis Respiration Using a microscope</td></tr><tr><td>Chemistry</td><td>Chromatography The periodic table</td></tr><tr><td>Physics</td><td>Energy transfers SI units</td></tr></table>	Biology	Photosynthesis Respiration Using a microscope	Chemistry	Chromatography The periodic table	Physics	Energy transfers SI units
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<p>Students should prepare for this by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◇ Revise using textbook◇ Practice work book questions◇ Practice quizzes on BBC Bitesize◇ Focus on both Science skills and content						