



Year 7

Examinations Fortnight 8th June- 18th June 2021

- ◇ 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.
- ◇ When the examination is going to begin the teacher will explain that the class are to remain in 'examination conditions' this means you are to remain in absolute silence and listen carefully to instructions. Do not interrupt instructions - wait until the teacher asks if there are any questions then raise your hand.
- ◇ This year, the school will be able to use these examinations to identify any gaps in your learning and build in support to ensure students are not disadvantaged because of the pandemic.

I. English

Number of examinations: 1

Length of examination: 1 hour

This examination will assess students' knowledge and understanding of:

- ◇ Section A : Analysing Shakespeare's language
- ◇ Section B: Creative Writing

Students should prepare for this by:

- ◇ Revising the Shakespeare extracts taken from the Shakespeare Taster Unit, concentrating on language and effect.
- ◇ Writing imaginative and engaging short stories; focussing on grammar skills including sentence structures, punctuation and story writing skills. (E.g. Interesting characters and effective dialogue).

2. Mathematics

Number of examinations: 1

Length of examination: 1 hour

This examination will assess students' knowledge and understanding of:

The four rules of number

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- Fractions
- Decimals
- Percentages
- Ratio and Proportion

Students should prepare for this by:

- ◇ Practising numeracy at home.
- ◇ MyMaths
- ◇ Maths Watch
- ◇ Corbett Maths

3. Science

Number of examinations: 1
Length of examination: 45 minutes
This examination will assess students' science skills: ◇ Data analysis - Interpreting graphs and describing patterns in tabulated data
This examination will cover the following science content: Biology: Cells Ecosystems Chemistry: Particle Model Atoms, Elements and Compounds Physics: Energy Forces
Students should prepare for this by: ◇ Recording/revising using Exploring Science text book ◇ Practice questions in text book ◇ Use exercise book to revise

4. Humanities

Number of examinations: 1

Length of examination: 50 minutes

Format

Section A: Geography (15 marks),
Section B: History (15 marks)
Section C: Religious Studies (15 marks)

Each section will have a combination of short answer knowledge based questions and extended questions, ending with an essay linked to the topic. Students will need to answer all questions

Timing

50 minutes (15 minutes per section plus 5 minutes checking time)

This examination will assess students' understanding of:

Geography: *Geographical skills and Settlements (15 marks):*

- ◇ Compass points;
- ◇ Four and six figure grid references;
- ◇ Distance and scale;
- ◇ Location of Settlements and their structure;
- ◇ Problems experienced in settlements (both rich and poor countries)
- ◇ Improving settlements (both rich and poor countries)
- ◇ making settlements more sustainable.

History: *Changing Britain (15 marks):*

- ◇ The strengths and weaknesses of different candidates for the English throne in 1066;
- ◇ The reasons for William's victory in 1066;
- ◇ What was the feudal system and how was it used to control England;
- ◇ How and why did William use castles to control England after 1066;

Religious studies: *Buddhism (15 marks):*

The story of the life and times of Buddha;
The different teachings of the Buddha;
Meditation and its importance for Buddhists;
The importance of the Dalai Lama in Tibetan Buddhism.

Students should prepare for this by:

- ◇ Reading through the notes in your different Humanities books;
- ◇ Looking back over your previous assessments;
- ◇ Looking at relevant resources on BBC Bitesize;
- ◇ Creating your own revision materials e.g. flash cards, mind maps, revision notes etc.

5. Modern Foreign Languages: French or Spanish

Number of examinations: 2

Length of examination: 2 papers of 30 minutes

This examination will assess students' knowledge and understanding of:

- ◇ Personal details
- ◇ Likes and dislikes
- ◇ School
- ◇ Free time, Hobbies
- ◇ Present tense
- ◇ Opinions/negatives.

This examination will test a mixture of skills including listening, reading and translation.

Students should prepare for this by:

- ◇ Revising from exercise book and textbook
- ◇ Studio I
- ◇ Viva I on Pearson Active Learn
- ◇ BBC Bitesize

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