



Year 9

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: 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: <i>Paper 1 – English:</i> ◇ Creative Writing (45 minutes) <i>Paper 2 – Literature:</i> ◇ Extract from Macbeth (40 minutes) ◇ Write a response to an unseen poem (20 minutes)
Students should prepare for this by: English: ◇ Writing imaginative and engaging short stories; including interesting characters, effective dialogue and thoughtful plotline. English Literature: ◇ Revising key characters and themes in Macbeth. Analysing language and effect. ◇ Revising poetry analysis skills. Analysing language and effect.

2. Mathematics

Number of examinations: 2

Length of each examination: 50 minutes

This examination will assess students' knowledge and understanding of:

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.

The mark will be used as a base line to monitor progress in KS4.

The Foundation paper will contain questions up to the new GCSE grade 5.

The Higher paper will contain questions up to the new GCSE grade 9.

Students should prepare for this by:

- ◇ MyMaths Booster Packs
- ◇ VLE.Mathswatch videos and questions
- ◇ Kerboodle online textbook
- ◇ Practice answering exam questions by going over your practice exam papers.

3. Science

Number of examinations: 1
Length of each examination: 1 hour
This examination will assess students' scientific skills in: ◇ Science investigations
This examination will assess students' knowledge and understanding of: Biology Cell Biology Chemistry Atomic structure Physics Particle model of matter
Students should prepare for this by: ◇ Revise using Collins online ◇ Practice Collins online quizzes ◇ Practice quizzes on BBC Bitesize ◇ Focus on both Science skills and content

4. Humanities

Number of examinations: 3 (one for Geography, one for History and one for Religious Studies)

Length of examination: Each exam will be 45 minutes

Format

Paper 1: Geography (40 marks, 45 minutes);

Paper 2: History (40 marks, 45 minutes);

Paper 3: Religious Studies (40 marks, 45 minutes);

For each paper, students will need to answer all questions

Timing

Each paper will be 40 marks and 45 minutes (5 minutes reading and checking time).

These examinations will assess students' understanding of:

Geography: *Natural Hazards and Development (40 marks):*

- ◇ General geographical skills e.g. compass points, grid references, distance and scale;
- ◇ Overview of the Earth's structure and basics of plate tectonics;
- ◇ Understanding of different plate boundaries and associated tectonic hazards;
- ◇ An understanding of Hurricanes and their effects;
- ◇ An understanding of why some places are less developed than others;
- ◇ Strategies which can be used to reduce the development gap.

History: *Industrial revolution (40 marks):*

- ◇ Civil Rights in the USA including the following: Jim Crow, Ku Klux Klan, Little Rock, Montgomery bus boycott.
- ◇ Jack the Ripper
- ◇ Life in the trenches during WWI;
- ◇ Treaty of Versailles and the end of WWI;

Religious studies:

Humanism (20 marks):

- ◇ *Key principles in Humanism*
- ◇ *The History of Humanism and the tensions between religion and science (including Galileo)*
- ◇ *Key ideas about Humanism and morality (including ideas around the Golden Rule, Utilitarianism and others)*

Judaism (20 Marks):

- ◇ *The importance of Passover in Judaism*
- ◇ *The importance of Moses in Judaism*
- ◇ *The Importance of Abraham in Judaism*

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, Spanish

Number of examinations: 2

Length of each examination: 2 papers of 30 minutes

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

French:

- ◇ My family, personal details
- ◇ Hobbies and interests
- ◇ Present past and future.

Spanish:

- ◇ Routine
- ◇ Hobbies and interests
- ◇ Clothes
- ◇ Places in town
- ◇ Holidays
- ◇ Present past and future.

The examination will assess listening, reading and translation skills

Students should prepare for this by:

- ◇ revising from their exercise book
- ◇ French: Studio Excel
- ◇ Spanish: Viva 2 on Pearson Active learn
- ◇ BBC Bitesize

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