



Year 9

Examinations Fortnight 13th-24th May 2019

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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).
- ◇ The exception to this is your maths examination which will be held in the Sport Hall on Friday 24th May. Your teacher will explain the arrangements for this examination in your maths lessons.

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: 1

Length of each examination: 1 hour 45 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.

This examination will take place in the Sports Hall on 24th May for all Year 9 students.

Students should prepare for this by:

Revising using the internet:

- ◇ 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: 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 The periodic table Physics Particle model of matter Radiation
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;
- ◇ Understanding of plate tectonics and associated tectonic hazards;
- ◇ An understanding of Hurricanes and their effects;
- ◇ An understanding of Wildfires and how they can be managed;
- ◇ 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):*

- ◇ Children working in factories through the industrial revolution;
- ◇ An understanding of the major changes to Britain in the Industrial Revolution, from 1750 to 1900;
- ◇ You will need to be able to describe a famous inventor and how their invention had an impact on Britain;
- ◇ Life in the trenches during WWI;
- ◇ Treaty of Versailles and the end of WWI;
- ◇ Jack the Ripper.

Religious studies: *Hinduism (40 marks):*

- ◇ The main Hindu beliefs in God;
- ◇ Hindu beliefs on life after death;
- ◇ The Caste system;
- ◇ Gandhi and non-violence;

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 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: Studio 1 and 2
- ◇ Spanish: Iviva 1 and 2
- ◇ BBC Bitesize

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

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