



Year 7

Examinations Fortnight 13th –24th May 2019

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

Examinations Fortnight: 13th-24th May 2019

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).

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
- Rates

Students should prepare for this by:

- ◇ Practising numeracy at home.
- ◇ Using numeracy passport in school

3. Science

Number of examinations: 1

Length of examination: 1 hour

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
Cell adaptation

Chemistry: Hazard symbols
Acids and alkalis

Physics: Circuits
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 systems and how was it used to control England;
- ◇ How and why did William use castle 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: 1

Length of examination: 1 hour

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
- ◇ BBC Bitesize

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