



Year 8

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: 45 minutes

Name of examinations:

- ◇ English
- ◇ English Literature

This examination will assess students' knowledge and understanding of:

- ◇ Paper 1 – English: Creative Writing
- ◇ Paper 2 – Literature: The Tempest

Students should prepare for this by:

- ◇ Writing imaginative and engaging short stories; including interesting characters, effective dialogue and thoughtful plotline.
- ◇ Revising key characters and themes in Shakespeare play studied.
Analysing language and effect.

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 each examination: 45 minutes

This examination will assess students' science skills :

◇ Data analysis

This examination will assess students' knowledge and understanding of:

Biology Food and Nutrition
 Unicellular Organisms

Chemistry Metals
 Rocks

Physics Fluids
 Light

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 reading and checking time)

This examination will assess students' understanding of:

Geography: *Population, resources and environmental issues (15 marks):*

- ◇ General geographical skills e.g. compass points, grid references, distance and scale;
- ◇ Reasons for population growth (both natural increase and migration)
- ◇ The problems with resourcing a growing population;
- ◇ Managing population growth (including population policies);
- ◇ Environmental issues created by our growing population (e.g. global warming, deforestation, overfishing).

History: *Making of the UK (15 marks):*

- ◇ The reasons for Henry VIII's break from Rome in 1534;
- ◇ The slave triangle and the middle passage;
- ◇ Life on plantations;
- ◇ The abolition of slavery.

Religious studies: Sikhism (15 marks):

- ◇ The importance of Guru Gobind Singh
- ◇ What the K's are and what they represent
- ◇ You will need to be able to explain at least one major Sikh festival;
- ◇ Sikhism, media representation and human rights.

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 examination: 2 papers of 30 minutes

This examination will assess students' knowledge and understanding of:

French:

- ◇ Hobbies and interests
- ◇ Holidays in Paris
- ◇ Present past and future.

Spanish:

- ◇ Holidays
- ◇ Hobbies and interests
- ◇ Food
- ◇ Present past and future.

The examination will cover 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 2
- ◇ Spanish: Viva 2—on Pearson Active learn
- ◇ BBC Bitesize

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