

EXAMS & REVISION

TOP TIPS FOR PARENTS & STUDENTS

How to revise:

- ◆ Break down your subject down into topics or practice questions;
- ◆ Make a list of topics or areas to revise;
- ◆ Using highlighters to decide which parts you know really well - highlight those green, now look at those that you do not know well and colour them in red or orange;
- ◆ Look at your revision timetable give more time to those areas that are red;
- ◆ Fill in your personal commitments - sport, music practice, birthday meal, etc.;
- ◆ Revise in short sessions rather than long sessions. This will keep your mind fresh. Sessions should be about 30-45 mins;
- ◆ Stick to your plan, but if you miss a session then simply add it in later. If you use pencil then you can rub it out and change sessions where needed;
- ◆ Ask for help from your teachers or your form tutor if you struggle with understanding what is needed in your subjects.



Revision Tips

- ◆ Take your notes and make them into a poster mindmap or diagrams;
- ◆ Review them every day leading up to the exams;
- ◆ Use colour to highlight and split up the text - use coloured paper;
- ◆ Turn your revision notes into posters and review them each day leading up to the exams;
- ◆ Make Question and Answer cards for all your subjects and get someone to test you every night;
- ◆ Try revising with a friend over the holidays - get all your notes completed ready for revising during the last few weeks running up to the exams.



SUBJECT AREAS

ENGLISH

Key Stage 3

In English, your assessment will be a piece of creative writing inspired by an image. You will be assessed on your ability to:

- ✦ Be imaginative and creative;
- ✦ Match your style and tone of writing to your audience;
- ✦ Use a wide range of vocabulary;
- ✦ Structure your writing into paragraphs;
- ✦ Use a range of language techniques for effect.
Eg: similes, metaphors, personification or emotive language;
- ✦ Vary your sentence structures;
- ✦ Use accurate punctuation and spelling.



Ways to prepare for your assessment

- ✦ Find images of people, places or pieces of art and create a mind map of key words, images and ideas that the picture inspires. Newspapers and magazines are a great place to look for dramatic images.
- ✦ Use your mind map of ideas to write a short story, description or poem.
- ✦ Read your work aloud and ask your audience how you could make it even better.
- ✦ Revise any punctuation or language techniques that you find difficult.
- ✦ Read short stories, poems and your AR books. Keep a journal of ideas, lines and images that created an impact on you. You may be able to use these ideas in your own writing.

Equipment

- ✦ Pencil
- ✦ Ruler
- ✦ Rubber
- ✦ Calculator

Helpful

- ✦ Compass
- ✦ Protractor

MATHS

These are the topics you will be assessed on:

- ✦ algebra and equations
- ✦ fractions, decimals and percentages
- ✦ types of number: factors, multiples, primes, negative numbers
- ✦ non-calculator number work +, -, x, /
- ✦ area and volume
- ✦ angles
- ✦ sequences
- ✦ transformation
- ✦ constructions
- ✦ ratio
- ✦ probability
- ✦ averages



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SCIENCE

Year 8 - 45 minute exam

Topics to be revised are:

- ◆ Digestion
- ◆ Diet
- ◆ Combustion
- ◆ Green Plants
- ◆ States of Matter
- ◆ Periodic Table
- ◆ Properties of Light



HISTORY

The exam will concentrate on all the work students covered on the Making of The UK course which ran from September to January.

MFL

Year 8 French

- ◆ Countries
- ◆ Weather
- ◆ Where I live
- ◆ Transport
- ◆ Food and drink
- ◆ Clothes



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Year 8

Students will be examined on two religions: Judaism and Sikhism.

GEOGRAPHY

Year 8:

- ◆ Amazon Rainforest
- ◆ Conflict
- ◆ Globalisation



PERFORMING ARTS

Year 8 will be devising a performance piece in Expressive Arts based on the theme Environment. They will be assessed in a practical manner for this.

Students will also sit a short written assessment to check their understanding of keywords used throughout the year.

Expressive Arts: Key Words

Students should know the following words and definitions for them. They should also be aware of how they have used many of them in their work for Environment.

- ◆ Who, what, where and how (Dance)
- ◆ The 5 Body Actions (Dance)
- ◆ Canon (Dance)
- ◆ Contrast (Dance)
- ◆ Unison (Dance)

- ◆ Repetition (Dance)
- ◆ Improvisation
- ◆ Rehearsed Improvisation (Drama)
- ◆ Spontaneous Improvisation (Drama)
- ◆ Content
- ◆ Voice Projection (Drama)
- ◆ Mime (Drama)
- ◆ Still Image (Drama)
- ◆ Timing
- ◆ In Role
- ◆ Body Language
- ◆ Character
- ◆ Non Verbal
- ◆ Creativity
- ◆ Believable
- ◆ Vocal Expression (Drama)
- ◆ Gestures
- ◆ Eye Contact
- ◆ Actions
- ◆ Blocking (Drama)
- ◆ Stimulus



TECHNOLOGY

Year 8 - 1 hour design task

Designing a bag suitable for school.

Revision - create an A4 mood board containing the following:

- ◆ Existing products - examples of different styles of bags.
- ◆ Mascots, logos and images suitable for decorating a school bag.



EXAM RULES

- ▶ Mobile phones and iPods should be turned off and placed in bags.
- ▶ You must bring all necessary equipment with you - pens, spare pens, pencils, spare pencils, rubber, ruler, calculator, etc.
- ▶ All exams must be written in black pen.
- ▶ You may not use Tippex or correction pens, and you should cross out neatly with a single line.
- ▶ The teacher will require you to be silent and facing the front as soon as the examination papers start to be handed out.
- ▶ You are not allowed to speak from this point until the teacher gives you permission to do so, after the final script has been handed in.
- ▶ You must not attempt to communicate with any other student, in any way, by speech or gesture and you must not try to look at someone else's work.
- ▶ Your work must be neat and clearly legible.
- ▶ You may not doodle or scribble on any examination paper.
- ▶ You are not allowed to take any paper or notes into or out of an examination. All rough work must be given in with your examination paper.
- ▶ If you finish an exam early, use the time to check your work carefully.
- ▶ Any breach of exam rules will result in severe sanctions, including the cancellation of marks.

HOLIDAY	
Monday 30th May	
Tuesday 31st May	
Wednesday 1st June	
Thursday 2nd June	
Friday 3rd June	
Saturday 4th June	
Sunday 5th June	
Revision Timetable	
	Session 1
Monday 6th June	
Tuesday 7th June	
Wednesday 8th June	

Thursday 9th June		
Friday 10th June		
Saturday 11th June		
Sunday 12th June		
Monday 13th June		
Tuesday 14th June		
Wednesday 15th June		
Thursday 16th June		
Friday 17th June		
Saturday 18th June		
Sunday 19th June		

Remember: you will get the mark you deserve, not the one you want - unless you plan your revision and revise regularly.

Monday 20th
June

Tuesday 21st
June

Wednesday
22nd June

Thursday 23rd
June

Friday 24th
June

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