

# Examination Guidance 2012

## Year 8

### Art

Exam time is 30 minutes held in the Art Department.

During the exam students will have their completed unit of work from Term One in front of them and will be asked to recall the processes used throughout the project. Year 8 will have covered either **Printmaking** or **Ceramics**.

### Biology

Exam time 30 minutes with a range of short answer type questions based on the topic of cells and life processes. A 30cm ruler pens and pencils will be required to complete the examination

### Chemistry

The Chemistry examination is 30 minutes . The examination paper will consist of short answer recall and application questions. Pupils will be required to answer questions on Chemical Changes topic and will be expected to recognise simple apparatus and draw graphs. Pupils should bring pens, pencils and ruler to the examination.

### Drama

In this forty five minute examination pupils will label a stage, answer questions on roles in theatres, complete a history of theatre timeline, undertake work on gestures and body language, write about famous theatres and reflect on their improvisations this term.

Pupils' coursework (20% )and performance skills(30%) will also be assessed.

### English

The exam will last 1 hour and will contain two sections:

- a. **Reading** for comprehension.
- b. **Writing** – Pupils will complete a piece of personal writing and will be assessed on their spelling, punctuation and grammar as well as their creativity and success in engaging the reader's interest.

**Two pieces of Coursework will also form 40% of the final mark awarded.** 10% of the final mark will come from Talking and Listening assessments.

### French

**Listening exams** will be held in class week beginning the 12th December (pupils will be notified in advance of the precise date for their class exam).

**The written paper** (1 hour duration) will involve reading, writing and grammar exercises and all exam content will be highlighted on the revision list that pupils will have copied into their class workbooks by the beginning of December. The revision list has also been e mailed to pupils. There will be no oral exam at this stage of the year but

pupils must learn oral answers as they may be asked to write about the same topics in their written paper.

### **Geography**

The examination will be one hour long and answers will involve one word answers, definitions, and longer more detailed responses. Pupils may be asked to draw diagrams and interpret maps and cartoons. Topics to be examined are 'What is Geography?', Geography in the News, OS Map Work, a Sense of Place (to include N. Ireland and the British Isles) and Settlement.

All pupils need to ensure they have colouring pencils and other items as listed in the equipment list given at the beginning of term.

### **History**

The paper is split into 3 sections. This includes factual knowledge, source work and extended writing.

Pupils need to revise:

Chronology – putting dates in order and into centuries.

Definitions – what is Primary and Secondary evidence, bias and anachronism and pupils should be able to give examples.

In source work they must be able to pick information from a source, explain why a source may be different from another and assess a source for reliability and usefulness using ADAPTL.

Pupils need to know about the history of the Titanic, including its sinking and the actions of key individuals involved. They need to be able to describe the conditions on board for the different passengers.

### **Home Economics**

The exam paper is 30 minutes in length and will examine all work covered since the beginning of September with the exception of "What's on your plate?" The paper is worth 90% of the marks available for this subject. Pupils did a practical examination during class time in December, this aspect is worth 10% of their final result.

### **Physics**

The exam paper is thirty minutes in length and will consist of short answer and extended, recall and application questions. The topics are safety, mass, volume, forces, pressure, speed and energy.

### **Mathematics**

Exams are based on the work covered this year. Lists of topics/chapters/page references have been given to pupils and are in their Maths jotter.

### **Music**

The test is made up of a written aural exam, lasting 30 minutes. Pupils will be examined on the Elements of Music and Active Listening. There will be some questions on how they worked together to put on a concert and questions will also be asked on song structure and what makes a good song.

Revision aids can be found for Song structure including a pdf of the text book on <http://www.stixy.com/guest/49279>

**Religious Studies**

Pupils will be examined on all information covered since the beginning of Year 8. This will include the Gospels writers, an awareness of Israel (including a map), religious groups at the time of Jesus, the Jewish home, a Jewish education, clothing worn during Jewish worship and the birth of Jesus. The examination will involve one-word and longer sentence answers and the drawing of diagrams.

**Technology**

Mid-Year assessment will be based on a 30 minute exam (40%), written coursework (30%) and a practical (30%). The exam is to be based on work covered this year – health and safety, graphics, materials and workshop processes.

## Year 9

### Art

Exam time is 30 minutes held in the Art Department. During the exam students will have their completed unit of work in front of them from Term One and will be asked to recall in written form the processes used throughout the project. Year 9 will have covered either **Painting** or **Textiles**.

### Biology

Exam time is 30 minutes and includes a range of question types covering the topics of

- Diet
- Energy in Food
- Teeth
- Enzymes
- Digestion

Pupils must bring a 30cm ruler and a calculator to the exam.

### English

The exam will last 1 hour and will contain two sections:

Reading for comprehension:

- A fiction extract (from a short story or novel)
- A series of questions (approximately 8) testing comprehension skills

Creative writing: pupils will complete a piece of creative writing based on a stimulus image and will be assessed on their spelling, punctuation and grammar as well as their creativity and success in engaging the reader's interest.

**Two pieces of Coursework will also form 40% of the final mark awarded.**

10% of the final mark will come from Talking and Listening assessments.

### Geography

The examination will be one hour long and answers will involve one word responses, definitions, and longer more detailed answers. Pupils may be asked to draw diagrams and interpret maps and cartoons. Topics to be examined are a Sense of Place (Europe), the European Union and Rivers (processes, landforms and flooding). There will also be a Geography in the News question.

All pupils need to ensure they have colouring pencils and other items as listed in the equipment list given at the beginning of term.

### History

The paper is split into 3 sections.

Pupils need to revise:

The Reformation – reasons for and results, the reformers.

Henry VIII – wives and children.

Mary, Queen of Scots – her life story, the murder of Rizzio, her part in plots against Elizabeth, the reasons for her execution, results of her execution.

The Armada – reasons for it being sent, reasons for failure.

In source work, pupils need to be able to assess sources using ADAPTIL.

### **Home Economics**

The exam paper is 30 minutes in length and will examine all work covered since the beginning of September. The paper is worth 90% of the marks available for this subject. Pupils did a practical examination during class time in December, this aspect is worth 10% of their final result.

### **Mathematics**

Exams are based on the work covered this year. Lists of topics/chapters/page references have been given to pupils and are in their Maths jotter.

### **Modern Languages – French, German and Spanish**

**Listening exams** will be held in class in the week period beginning the 12th December (pupils will be notified in advance of the precise date for their class exam).

The **written paper** (1 hour duration) will involve reading, writing and grammar exercises and all exam content will be highlighted in the revision list that pupils will have copied into their class work books by the beginning of December. This list has also been e mailed to pupils. There will be no oral exam at this stage of the year but pupils must still learn oral answers as they may well be asked to write about the same topics in their written paper.

### **Music**

The exam is made up of an aural paper lasting 30 minutes and examining the Elements of Music through Active Listening, explain terms such as Polyrythm, Rhythm, Metre, Minimalism and recognising polyrythms and minimalist songs. Revision aids can be found on <http://www.stixy.com/guest/54330>

### **Religious Studies**

Pupils will be examined on all information covered since the beginning of Year 9. This will include the Gospel writers and the book of Acts, the birthday of the Christian Church (Pentecost), the stoning of Stephen, a fact file on Saul/Paul and his conversion, awareness of the contents of the Bible and how it is ordered. The examination will involve one-word and longer sentence answers and also multiple choice questions.

**Chemistry** - The Chemistry examination is 30 minutes . The examination paper will consist of short answer recall and application questions. Pupils will be required to answer questions on

- Elements, Compounds and Mixtures
- Atomic Structure and the Periodic Table

Pupils should bring pens, pencils and calculator to the examination.

**Physics** - The questions will follow the same format as used in standardised tests. The topics covered in the Physics part include:

- Light
- Sound

### **Technology**

Mid-Year assessment will be based on a 30 minute exam (40%), written coursework (30%) and a practical (30%).

The exam is to be based on work covered this year – health and safety, graphics, mechanisms, material and workshop processes. Pupils should also understand the work covered in Year 8 – this knowledge provides the essential building blocks required to give an overall understanding of Technology.

## Year 10

### Art

Exam time is 30 minutes held in the Art Department.

During the exam students will have their completed unit of work from Term One in front of them and will be asked to recall in written form the processes used throughout the project.

Year 10 will have covered either **ICT** or **3D Construction**.

### Biology

Exam time is 30 minutes. Topics covered will include

- Blood and Circulation
- Types of Microbes
- Immune Responses

A 30 cm ruler, pencils and pen will be required to complete the questions.

### Chemistry

The Chemistry examination is 30 minutes . The examination paper will consist of short answer recall and application questions.

**Pupils will be required to answer questions on**

- **Kinetic Theory**
- **Reactions part 1**
- **Reactions part 2**

Pupils should bring pens, pencils and calculator to the examination.

### English

The exam will last 1 hour 30 minutes and will contain two sections:

Multi modal comprehension – pupils will answer a series of analytical questions on a brochure.

**Writing** – pupils will complete a piece of creative writing and will be assessed on their spelling, punctuation and grammar as well as their creativity and success in engaging the reader’s interest. The topic is either family or friendship.

**Two pieces of Coursework will also form 40% of the final mark awarded.** 10% of the final mark comes from Talking and Listening assessments.

### Geography

The examination will be one hour long and answers will involve one word answers, definitions, and longer more detailed answers. Pupils will be asked to apply their knowledge to different situations and case studies. Pupils may be asked to draw diagrams and interpret maps and cartoons. Topics to be examined

are Tectonic Hazards (to include earthquakes and volcanoes), Globalisation and Development. There will also be a Geography in the News question.

All pupils need to ensure they have colouring pencils and other items as listed in the equipment list given at the beginning of term.

### **History**

Pupils need to know:

Nationalism – where it started, what it was, at least two characteristics of it, the difference between constitutional nationalism and militant republicanism.

World War One – the alliance system, rivalry between the powers, the rivalry over the Balkans, trench warfare – what a trench was like, conditions for soldiers (vermin, food, weather and dangers).

Part of the overall examination mark comes from a course work letter on Life in the Trenches which has already been completed.

### **Home Economics**

The exam paper is 30 minutes in length and will examine all work covered since the beginning of September. The paper is worth 90% of the marks available for this subject. Pupils did a practical examination during class time in December, this aspect is worth 10% of their final result.

### **Physics**

The examination will last 30 minutes. The topics are Electricity and Moments

### **Mathematics**

Exams are based on the work covered this year. Lists of topics/chapters/page references have been given to pupils and are in their Maths jotter.

### **Modern Languages – French and Spanish**

**Listening exams** will be held in class in the week period beginning the 12th December (pupils will be notified in advance of the precise date for their class exam).

**The written paper** (1 hour duration) will involve reading and grammar exercises as well as the written task and all exam content will be highlighted on the revision list that pupils will have copied into their class work books by the beginning of December. This list has also been e mailed to pupils There will be no oral exam at this stage of the year.

The writing part of the exam in January will involve some preparation in advance in line with the new GCSE format; pupils will therefore be given their writing task in December with guidance on what to include and complete the task in class. They will learn this off for their reading and writing paper in January. Pupils will be allowed to bring a 40 word plan with them into the exam hall as an aide memoire.

## **Music**

The examination is a 30 minute aural paper. Pupils are examined on The Elements of Music and must respond critically to excerpts of Film music. Pupils are also required to write a passage describing the type of music appropriate to given Television themes, advertisements and /or film scenes. Revision aids can be found on <http://www.stixy.com/guest/67664>

## **Religious Studies**

Pupils will be examined on all information covered since the beginning of Year 10. This will include the background and life of Moses, the context in which the Ten Commandments were given and also full, ordered and accurate knowledge of each commandment. Correct spelling of subject-specific words is essential. The examination will involve one-word and longer sentence answers and extension style questions.

## **Technology**

Mid-Year assessment will be based on a 30 minute exam (60%), written coursework (20%) and a practical (20%).

The exam is to be based on work covered this year – Health and Safety, graphics, basic electronics, materials and workshop processes.

Pupils should also understand work covered in Years 8 and 9 – this knowledge provides the essential building blocks required for an overall understanding of Technology.