



**Key Stage 3**  
Examination Guidance January 2021

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## Year 8

In Year 8, 80% of the final mark will be from the examination and 20% of the will be from two standardised assessment tasks/tests.

### **Art**

The January exam mark is based on all work completed in term 1.

40% - drawing/painting/experimental presentation of apples

Core assessment 1 - 30% written and illustrated seven elements of Art task

Core assessment 2 - 30% textile collage of apple

### **Biology**

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

The January report mark will be based on the examination result (80%) and two core assessments (Cells storyboard task (onion slide) (15%) and the Cells end of topic test (5%)).

### **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

- Getting Started,
- Chemical Changes and
- Acids and Alkalis topics

and will be expected to recognise simple apparatus and draw graphs. Pupils should bring pens, pencils and ruler to the examination. Two Core Assessments completed during the term will contribute 20% towards the final report mark. The written examination paper will contribute 80%.

### **Drama**

In this 30 minute examination pupils will undertake a series of questions based on gesture, staging, the history of theatre, roles and responsibilities and theatres around us. They will also reflect on improvisation techniques. 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. Pupils will read an extract from a novel and answer a series of questions which focus on the writer's craft.
- b Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar. Multiple choice questions.

Core Tasks will also form 20% of the final mark awarded and 20% of the final mark will come from Talking and Listening assessments.

## **French**

Listening exams will be held in class during the week beginning the 4th January (pupils will be notified in advance of the precise date for their class exam).

The written paper (45 minutes 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 work books by the beginning of December.

The revision list will also be emailed to pupils and will be available on WHS Campus. There will be no oral exam at this stage of the year. However, pupils must learn all the answers to their oral questions at the back of their Grammar notebook as the writing task will be based on these.

## **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. The paper is worth 80% of the marks available and this will be added to the marks for the Core Assessment tests (20%).

Topics to be examined are 'What is Geography?', Geography in the News, Settlement and OS Map Work. There will be a Northern Ireland focus to all of the questions.

All pupils need to ensure they have colouring pencils and other items included in the equipment list given at the beginning of term. Additional revision advice will be available on WHS Campus.

## **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.

Students should revise their source work skills making use of the source work writing frame located in their class notebooks. There is also an electronic version on WHS Campus.

Pupils need to know about who the Normans were, the contenders for the English throne and their claims to the crown, as well as the events of 1066 including the Battles of Stamford Bridge and Hastings.

The marks from the examination will be added to the two core assessments already completed to give an overall percentage out of 100.

## **Home Economics**

The exam paper is 30 minutes in length and will examine all work covered since the beginning of September. Pupils are provided with a list of topics covered. The paper is worth 80% of the marks available and this will be added to the marks for a Core Assessment test (10%) and a Poster design task (10%).

## **Mathematics**

Exams are based on the work covered this year. Lists of topics together with revision material and all the classwork used are available digitally on WHS Campus. Pupils will sit a one hour examination which is non-calculator. This will account for 80% of their report percentage as 20% of standardised assessment has already been completed during the year.

## **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. This is worth 50% of the total mark. Revision ebooks and resources are available in WHSCampus.com

A further 20% consists of a performance exam taken in class time. 30% is a composition task in GarageBand, also undertaken in class time.

### **Physics**

The exam paper is thirty minutes in length and will consist of short answer and extended, recall and application questions.

The topics are from the first two workbooks on mass, volume and density, forces and energy.

### **Philosophy, Religion, Ethics**

Year 8 students should learn the range of topics covered in Term 1 that includes an analysis of the skills required for success in Religious Studies, introduction to worldviews, the Trinity, Jesus in the Gospels and the story of Jesus's birth. The examination will last 30 minutes and will account for 90% of the January report alongside the core assessment.

### **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**

The January exam mark is based on all work completed in term 1.

Core assessment 1 : 40% - Perspective drawing/painting/biro studies plus experimental presentation and research.

Core assessment 2 : 60% - Graphic design task using ArtStudio on iPad

### **Biology**

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

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

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

The January report mark will be based on the examination result (80%) and two core assessments (Using maths - energy in food (10%) and the Food Test storyboard (10%)).

### **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

- Acids and Alkalis (from Year 8)
- Elements, Compounds and Mixtures
- Reactions

Two core Assessments during the term will contribute to the final overall mark (20%). The written examination paper will contribute 80%.

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

## English

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

A -Poetry Criticism:

- A series of questions (approximately 8) testing comprehension skills and literary analysis

B - Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar. Multiple choice questions.

C - Writing : Pupils will write the opening of a short story based on a visual stimulus.

Core Tasks will form 20% of the final mark awarded. 20% 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. The paper is worth 80% of the marks available and this will be added to the marks for the Core Assessment tests (20%).

Topics to be examined are the European Union and Rivers (processes, landforms and flooding). There will also be a 'Geography in the News' question. There will be a European focus to all of the questions. Pupils will also need to revise OS map skills.

All pupils need to ensure they have colouring pencils and other items included in the equipment list given at the beginning of term. Additional revision advice will be available on WHS Campus.

## History

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

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.
- Students should revise their source work skills making use of the

source work writing frame located in their class notebooks. There is also an electronic version on WHS Campus.

The marks from the examination will be added to the two core assessments already completed to give an overall percentage out of 100.

### **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 80% of the marks available for this subject. A Core Assessment test contributes a further 10% of the marks. A practical examination completed during class time is worth 10% of their final result. Pupils are given a list of topics covered since September.

### **Mathematics**

Exams are based on the work covered this year. Lists of topics together with revision material and all the classwork used so far are available digitally on WHS Campus. Pupils will sit a one hour paper and are expected to have their own calculator for use in the examination. This will account for 80% of their report percentage as 20% of standardised assessment has already been completed during the year.

### **Modern Languages**

French, German and Spanish

Listening exams will be held in class in the weeks beginning the 4th January (pupils will be notified in advance of the precise date for their class exam).

The written paper (45 minutes 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 workbooks by the beginning of December.

This revision list will be emailed to pupils and will also be available on WHS Campus. There will be no oral exam at this stage of the year. However, pupils must learn all the answers to their oral questions at the back of their Grammar notebook as the writing tasks will be based on these.

### **Music**



The exam is made up of an aural paper lasting 30 minutes and examining the Elements of Music through Active Listening, Blues music, the twelve-bar blues, recognising the pattern, identifying Boogie woogie, Ragtime and Big Band. Revision iBooks are available in the resources section of WHSCampus. A further 20% consists of a performance exam taken in class time. 30% is a composition task in GarageBand, also undertaken in class time.

## **Physics**

The 30 minute test will include short format questions to test recall, knowledge and application of the following topics which have been studied since September.

- The eye
- Refraction
- Lenses
- Dispersion
- Electromagnetic Spectrum
- Transverse and Longitudinal waves
- Sound
- The ear
- Speed of sound
- Frequency, pitch, Amplitude and volume
- Pressure

## **Philosophy, Religion, Ethics**

Pupils will be examined on all information covered in the first theme of the comparative religions' course. Students should be familiar with the range of religious and secular worldviews considered against the philosophical question of 'where have we come from?' The exam will last 30 minutes with grades determined by 90% exam, alongside 10% core assessment.

## **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, materials 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**

The January exam mark is based on all work completed in term 1.

Core assessment 1 : 40% - Leonardo inspired hand studies.

pencil/biro/colouring pencil studies plus experimental presentation and written research.

Core assessment 2 : 60% - Creative careers project which includes written research, drawing and experimental presentation techniques.

### **Biology**

Exam time is 45 minutes and includes a range of question types covering the topics of

- Blood and Circulation
- Microbes

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

The January report mark will be based on the examination result (80%) and two core assessments (Heart Rate investigation (15%) and the circulation formal homework (5%)).

### **Chemistry**

The Chemistry examination is 45 minutes. The examination paper will consist of short answer recall and application questions.

Pupils will be required to answer questions on

- Neutralisation
- GCSE Atomic Structure
- Reactions (from Year 9)

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

Two Core Assessments completed during this term will be used to contribute 20% of the January report mark. The written examination paper will contribute 80%.

### **English**

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

A - Literary comprehension – pupils will answer questions on a short story. These questions will focus on the writer’s craft.

B \_ Writing – pupils will complete a piece of writing and will be assessed on their spelling, punctuation and grammar as well as their creativity and success in engaging the reader’s interest. This will be based on a visual stimulus.

Two Core Tasks will also form 20% of the final mark awarded. 20% 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. The paper is worth 80% of the marks available and this will be added to the marks for the Core Assessment tests (20%).

Topics to be examined are Plate Tectonics (to include earthquakes and volcanoes and the relevant case studies) as well as Development. There will also be a ‘Geography in the News’ question. Each question will have a global focus. Pupils will need to prepare for the use of geo-maths skills.

All pupils need to ensure they have colouring pencils and other items included in the equipment list given at the beginning of term. Additional revision advice will be available on WHS Campus.

## **History**

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

Pupils need to know:

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).

The Holocaust- the Nazi attitudes towards the Jews as well as other social/ ethnic groups. This will also include Nazi policies towards the Jews and other social/ ethnic groups during WW2.

Students should revise their source work skills making use of the source work writing frame located in their class notebooks. There is also an electronic version on WHS Campus.

The marks from the examination will be added to the two core assessments already completed to give an overall percentage out of 100.

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## **Music**

The examination is a 30-minute aural paper. Pupils are examined on The Elements of Music and must respond critically to excerpts of Television and Advertising music. Revision aids can be found in the iBook TV themes and adverts in WHScampus.

A further 20% consists of a performance exam taken in class time. 30% is a composition task in GarageBand, also undertaken in class time.

## **Physics**

The 45 minute test will include short format questions to test recall, knowledge and application of the following topics which have been studied since September.

- Motion - speed equation
- Motion graphs
- Levers and Moments
- Gears
- Pulleys

## **Philosophy, Religion, Ethics**

The Religious Studies examination will last 30 minutes and will cover everything studied in the Philosophy of Religion course that includes an introduction to theist and atheist beliefs, the ontological, cosmological and teleological arguments, religious experience, the moral argument and creation stories. The examination will account for 90% of the marks alongside the 10 % core assessment.

## **Technology**

Mid-Year assessment will be based on a 45-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, electronics (potential dividers based round sensing components, resistors, transistors, output components), 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.