



Key Stage 3
Class Test Guidance June 2021

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Year 8

Art

The Art mark is based on work completed throughout the year .

20% - drawing/painting/experimental presentation of apples

15% - fabric collage

15% - Seven elements research task

20% - Fish/Bugs

30% - coursework completed in school during April and May based on the work of artist Joel Penkman.

Biology

The Biology examination is 45 minutes with a range of diagrams to label, short answer recall questions and longer extended questions. It will cover all topics covered since September: Cells and life processes; Animal Reproduction and Senses. A 30cm ruler, pens, pencils and calculator will be required to complete the examination.

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

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

and will be expected to recognise simple apparatus and draw graphs. Pupils should bring pens, pencils and ruler to the examination.

Computing

For summer reports pupils will get a mark based on completed digital portfolios and short class tests taken throughout the year on Scratch, Micro:Bits and html.

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 45 minutes and is 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.

Core Tasks and SPG work will form 30% of the final mark awarded and 20% of the final mark will come from Talking and Listening assessments.

French

There will be a Listening Test during 1 period and a Reading and Writing Test during the double period.

Listening test format - a mixture of exercises.

Reading test format - a mixture of texts and some translation sentences from French into English.

Writing test format - a list, 5 sentences in English to be translated into French and 5 oral questions.

Each test section will be /25.

Topics

Unit 4 - family and pets and Unit 5 physical descriptions

Geography

There will be a skill based section focusing on the topic of 'Weather and Climate' and a section focusing on factual knowledge with some extended questions on the topic of 'Ecosystems'. The assessment will be 40 minutes long and will account for 100% of the June report.

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

This paper will be 45 minutes long. The paper is split into 2 sections. This paper includes factual knowledge and extended writing questions.

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.
- The Battle of Hastings.
 - The Harrying of the North, the Feudal System and the Domesday Book.
 - Castles.

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 45 minutes in length and will examine all work covered since the beginning of September. Pupils are provided with a list of topics to revise.

Mathematics

Pupils will sit one class assessment. This will last for 45 minutes and consist of questions on topics covered between January and May. Whilst the class assessment will be limited to these topics pupils will spend time in class revising all material again prior to this week as it is important foundational material for progression into next year. Revision material and all the teaching videos and classwork used are available digitally on WHS Campus.

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 ibooks and resources are available on WHSCampus.com. A further 20% consists of an ensemble performance assessment also taken in class time. 30% is a composition task in GarageBand, also undertaken during Lockdown.

Physics

The exam paper is 45 minutes in length and will consist of short answers and extended, recall and application questions. The content will be taken from the four workbooks completed since September:

1. Mass, volume, density and forces
2. Energy
3. Our Solar System
4. Light

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. Students should also revise the death and resurrection booklet from term 2. The examination will last 35 minutes and will account for 100% of the June report.

Technology

Assessment will be based on a 45-minute exam (40%), design coursework (30%) and a practical (30%). The exam is to be based on work covered this year – health and safety, graphics, electronics, materials and workshop processes.

Year 9

Art

The Art mark is based on work completed throughout the year .

20% - Perspective drawing/painting/biro studies plus experimental presentation and research.

30% - 'Being Me' Graphic design task using ArtStudio on iPad

20% - Colour theory

30% - coursework completed in school during April and May based on the work of the artist Angela Lyons.

Biology

The Biology examination is 45 minutes with a range of diagrams to label, short answer recall questions and longer extended questions. It will cover all topics covered since September: Diet & Digestion; Respiration and Plant Biology. A 30cm ruler, pens, pencils and calculator will be required to complete the examination.

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:

- Elements, Compounds and Mixtures
- Reactions
- Patterns of Reactivity
- Kinetic theory

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

Computing

For summer reports pupils will get a mark based on completed digital portfolios and a class test on Python.

English

The exam will last 45 minutes and will contain two sections:

A -Poetry Criticism:

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

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

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

Geography

There will be a skill-based section focusing on the topic of 'Population and Migration' and a section focusing on factual knowledge with some extended questions on the topic of 'Glaciation'. The assessment will be 40 minutes long and will account for 100% of the June report.

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

This paper will be 45 minutes long. The paper is split into 2 sections. This includes factual knowledge, source work and extended writing.

Pupils need to revise:

- The Armada – reasons for it being sent, reasons for failure.
- The English Civil War
- Oliver Cromwell
- 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 45 minutes in length and will examine all work covered since the beginning of September. Pupils will be given a list of topics to revise.

Mathematics

Pupils will sit one class assessment. This will last for 45 minutes and consist of questions on topics covered between January and May. Whilst the class assessment will be limited to these topics pupils will spend time in class revising all material again prior to this week as it is important foundational material for progression into next year. Revision material and all the teaching videos and classwork used are available digitally on WHS Campus.

Modern Languages

French, German and Spanish

There will be a Listening Test during 1 period and a Reading and Writing Test during the double period.

Listening test format - a mixture of exercises.

Reading test format - a mixture of texts and some translation sentences from French / German / Spanish into English.

Writing test format - a list, 5 sentences in English to be translated into French / German / Spanish and 5 oral questions.

Each test section will be /25.

Topics

French:

Unit 2 - holidays and Unit 3 - food up to negatives

German:

Unit 4 - zu Hause and Unit 5 - guten Appetit up to food likes and dislikes

Spanish:

Unit 4 - family and pets and Unit 5 physical and character descriptions

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 based on the music of Latin America. This is worth 50% of the total mark. Revision ibooks and resources are available in WHSCampus.com

A further 20% consists of an ensemble performance assessment also taken in class time. 30% is a composition task in GarageBand, also undertaken during Lockdown.

Physics

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

1. Light & Sound
2. Pressure
3. Thermal Energy
4. Radioactivity
5. Electricity

Philosophy, Religion, Ethics

Pupils will be examined on all information covered in the first and second theme of the comparative religions course - examining beliefs about where we have come from and what our purpose is. Students should be able to engage with Christian, Islamic, Hindu and Humanist perspectives in these two themes. The exam will last 35 minutes and will consist of 100% of the June report.

Technology

Assessment will be based on a 45-minute exam (40%), design 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 Art mark is based on work completed throughout the year .

20% - Leonardo inspired hand studies. pencil/biro/colouring pencil studies plus experimental presentation and written research.

30% - Creative careers project which includes written research, drawing and experimental presentation techniques.

20% - Portraits

30% - coursework completed in school during April and May based on the work of the artist Sarah Graham.

Biology

The Biology examination is 45 minutes with a range of diagrams to label, short answer recall questions and longer extended questions. It will cover all topics covered since September: Blood & Circulation; Microbes & Health along with the initial lessons of the Genetics topic. A 30cm ruler, pens, pencils and calculator will be required to complete the examination.

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
- GCSE Bonding
- GCSE Solubility

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

English

The exam will last 45 minutes and is based on unseen War Poetry.

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

Geography

There will be a skill-based section focusing on the topic of 'Development' and a section focusing on factual knowledge with some extended questions on the topic of 'Fragile Ecosystems' in particular Tropical Rainforests. The assessment will be 40 minutes long and will account for 100% of the June report.

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

This paper will be 45 minutes long. The paper is split into 2 sections. This includes factual knowledge, source work and extended writing.

Pupils need to revise the following topics:

- 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.
- The Suffragettes
- The Jazz Age

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 three core assessments already completed to give an overall percentage out of 100.

Home Economics

The exam paper is 45 minutes in length and will examine all work covered since the beginning of September. Pupils are given a list of topics to revise.

Mathematics

Pupils will sit one class assessment. This will last for one hour and consist of questions on all topics covered in Year 10. Pupils will spend time in class revising this material again prior to this week as it is important foundational

material for progression to GCSE. The department will use this assessment to ensure your child is appropriately placed in a suitable Mathematics class in Year 11. Revision material and all the teaching videos and classwork used are available digitally on WHS Campus.

Modern Languages

French, German and Spanish

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Topics

French:

Unit 2 - travel and Unit 3 - health

German:

Unit 4 - meine Familie und Freunde and Unit 5 - mein Alltag up as far as household chores.

Spanish:

Unit 3 - los pasatiempos and Unit 4 - la comida

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 soundtracks and general listening. Revision aids can be found in the Film iBook in WHScampus.

A further 20% consists of an ensemble performance assessment also taken in class time. 30% is a composition task in iMovie, completed during Lockdown.

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.

1. Motion
2. Mechanics - levers, gears and pulleys
3. Electricity
4. Energy resources
5. Nuclear Physics

Philosophy, Religion, Ethics

The Religious Studies examination will last 30 minutes and will cover everything from January in the Ethics course focusing on Personal and family issues. The exam will have a range of questions from 1 mark, 5 mark and 10 mark questions, which will be 100% of the June report.

Technology

Assessment will be based on a 45-minute exam (60%), design coursework (20%) and practical work to include soldering and computer control-based tasks (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), computer control, 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.