



Key Stage 3
Examination Guide June 2022

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Year 8

Art

The Art mark is based on work completed throughout the second and into the third term .

60% - Sculpture project

20% - Written analysis on an artwork

20% - summer drawing exam (carried out in class prior to school exams)

Biology

The Biology examination is 45 minutes with a range of diagrams to label, graphs to draw and interpret, short answer recall questions and longer extended questions. It will cover all topics covered since September: Cells and life processes; Animal Reproduction and Senses. Students should revise using their Biology iBook & paper companions booklets. 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 Alkalies
- 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 on the life and work of William Shakespeare. They will also be assessed on their knowledge of "Macbeth" and make decisions regarding character and costume. Pupils will also have the opportunity to reflect on the skills they have developed as part of the Shakespeare Festival.

English

The exam will last one hour 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 before undertaking a series of SPG multiple choice questions.

French

There will be 4 parts to the examination: Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing. All 4 parts are worth 25%.

The Listening examination will be completed in class the week beginning Monday 9 May, the Speaking examination will be completed in class the week beginning Monday 16 May and the Reading and Writing examination will take place during the exam week.

Listening format - a mixture of exercises.

Speaking format - pupils will learn 10 questions and be asked any 5.

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

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

Topics

Unit 4 - family and pets and Unit 5 physical descriptions

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 tables of data, 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 Weather and Climate, Ecosystems and Geography in the News. There will be a UK 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

This paper will be 60 minutes long. The paper is split into 3 sections. This paper includes factual knowledge, sourcework and extended writing questions.

Pupils need to revise:

- History Skills
- 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 Normans in Ireland.

Students have copies of the sourcework writing frame in their notebooks and there are support materials, such as videos 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 are provided with a list of topics to revise. The examination is worth 80% and will be added to the two core assessments already completed (Topic test 10% and Core Practical 10%).

Mathematics

Pupils will sit one examination with two sections: Calculator and Non-Calculator. This will last for 90 minutes and consist of questions on topics covered between September and May. Revision material and all the teaching videos and classwork used are available digitally on WHS Campus. The department will use this result, combined with the most recent core assessments to suitably place pupils in classes for Year 9 Mathematics. Pupils should bring pens, pencils, a calculator and a ruler to the examination.

Music

The test is made up of an aural exam, lasting 30 minutes. Pupils will be examined on the Elements of Music and Active Listening, Minimalism and Polyrhythms. 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.

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. Waves & Light

A ruler, pen, pencil and calculator will be required.

Philosophy, Religion, Ethics

Year 8 students should focus their revision on topics covered during term 2. This includes the teachings of Jesus and in particular the Sermon on the Mount. Students are expected to engage with these teachings with critical thinking, taking account of both religious and secular opinions. The examination will last 30 minutes and is worth 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 second and into the third term .

60% - Colour theory project

20% - Written analysis on an artwork

20% - summer drawing exam (carried out in class prior to school exams)

Biology

The Biology examination is 45 minutes with a range of diagrams to label, short answer recall questions, graphs to draw and interpret and longer extended questions. It will cover all topics covered since September: Diet & Digestion; Respiration and Plant Biology. Students should revise using their Biology iBook & paper companions booklets. 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
- Atomic Structure

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 short class tests taken throughout the year on Python and html.

English

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

A -MultiModal analysis: A series of questions looking at presentational and linguistic techniques used to make a DVD cover interesting.

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

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 tables of data, 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 Population and Migration, Glaction and Geography in the News. There will be a European 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

This paper will be 60 minutes long. The paper is split into 3 sections. This includes factual knowledge, source work and extended writing.

Pupils need to revise:

- The Plantations in Ireland
- The English Civil War
- Oliver Cromwell
- Optional question on the Williamite Wars in Ireland
- 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. The examination is worth 80% and will be added to the two core assessments already completed (Topic test 10% and Core Practical 10%).

Mathematics

Pupils will sit one examination. This will last for 90 minutes and consist of questions on topics covered between September and May. Revision material and all the teaching videos and classwork used are available digitally on WHS Campus. The department will use this result, combined with the most recent core assessments to suitably place pupils in classes for Year 10 Mathematics. Pupils should bring pens, pencils, a calculator and a ruler to the examination.

Modern Languages

French, German and Spanish

There will be 4 parts to the examination: Listening, Speaking, Reading and Grammar / Writing. All 4 parts are worth 25%.

The Listening examination will be completed in class the week beginning Monday 9 May, the Speaking examination will be completed in class the week beginning Monday 16 May and the Reading and Writing examination will take place during the exam week.

Listening format - a mixture of exercises.

Speaking format - pupils will learn 10 questions and be asked any 5.

Reading format - a mixture of texts.

Writing format - a list, sentences in English to be translated into French / German / Spanish and a letter type question made up of oral questions.

Topics

French:

Unit 2 - holidays and Unit 3 - food

German:

Unit 4 - zu Hause and Unit 5 - guten Appetit

Spanish:

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

Music

The test is made up of an 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 taken in class time. 30% is a composition task in GarageBand.

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

A ruler, pen, pencil and calculator will be required.

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 30 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 second and into the third term .

70% - Ceramics project

10% - Written analysis on an artwork

20% - summer drawing exam (carried out in class prior to school exams)

Biology

The Biology examination is 45 minutes with a range of diagrams to label, short answer recall questions, graphs to draw and interpret 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. Students should revise using the Biology Moodlebooks on WHSCampus & their paper companions booklets. 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 one hour. The first Section is based on Unseen War Poetry. The second Section will focus on Vocabulary Development and Literary Techniques.

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 tables of data, 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 Trade and Fair Trade, International Aid, Globalisation, Fragile Ecosystems and Geography in the News. There will be a global 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

This paper will be 60 minutes long. The paper is split into 3 sections. This includes factual knowledge, source work and extended writing.

Pupils need to revise the following topics:

- The Suffragettes
- The Jazz Age
- The Rise of the Nazis

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

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Mathematics

Pupils will sit one examination. This will last for 90 minutes and consist of questions on all topics covered in Year 10. The department will use this examination result, combined with the two most recent core assessments to ensure pupils are 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. Pupils should bring pens, pencils, a calculator and a ruler to the examination.

Modern Languages

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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

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 taken in class time. 30% is a composition task in IMovie, creating a soundtrack for a 60 second stop motion clip.

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. Nuclear Physics

A ruler, pen, pencil and calculator will be required.

Philosophy, Religion, Ethics

The Religious Studies examination will last 30 minutes and will cover everything from January in the Ethics course focusing on life and death issues - Abortion and Euthanasia. 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.