

Year 8 Summer Exams 2019 – Parent/Carer Information

MFL

French: the exam will be a reading and translation into English 1 hour paper. We will also do a speaking test in class.

Topics to be revised: all topics from September (TV, films, reading, visit to Paris, how you get on with people and their personality, clothes)

Grammatical focus: adjective endings, tenses (past, present and future)

Revision materials: vocab booklets, www.pearsonactivelearn.com, www.quizlet.com

German: the exam will be a reading and translation into English 1 hour paper. We will also do a speaking test in class.

Topics to be revised: chapter 2 'media' and chapter 3 'Healthy Living'

Revision materials: vocab booklets, www.pearsonactivelearn.com, www.quizlet.com

Focus: key vocabulary and grammar structures from the last two units.

English

The Year 7 English exam will take the form of a Comprehension task. Students have already completed two tasks similar to this already this year, both in Term 1 and Term 2. Over the May half-term holiday they will be set the exam extract to read and storyboard. This revision will feed in to a preparation lesson on the Monday or Tuesday of the first week back. In terms of revision at the moment, students would benefit from learning key language terms and examples (e.g. nouns, adverbs, similes, personification). Good practice would be to choose a page of their reading book and identify as many language features as possible on that page and how these affect them as the reader.

Geography

Year 8 will consist of questions based on The Restless Earth, China and Brazil as Superpowers and Tourism. Revision techniques will be covered in lessons and also put on Doodle.

History

The Year 8 History exam will focus on the Massacre at Peterloo and the Chartists. Students could revise by creating mind maps, small factual tests on each topic which they then ask someone to test them on, the creation of storyboards to tell the story of the events or flash cards on the key individuals and events.

Science

Below are the suggested pages for revision for the Year 8 summer exam from the green CGP revision guide:

Topic	Green CGP Revision Guide	
	Info	Practice Q's
8B1 Food & Digestion	8-12	P13, P183 Q12
8C1 Gas Tests & Environmental issues	97-99	P 100, P183 Q11
8P3 Matter	105-106	P21, P176 Q4
8B2 Gas Exchange & Respiration	18-20	P59 Q2, P72 Q1&2, P88-89, P185 Q13
8C2 Reactivity & metal extraction	57-58, 67-70, 83-87	
8P4 Electric Circuits	151-157	P156, P186 Q14
8B4 Plants	30	P34 Q2
8C3 Rocks	91-94	P95-96, P174 Q2,
8P1 Sound	136-137, 145-148	P144 Q4, P149
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Revision techniques:</u></p> <p>Mind maps for each topic, clue cards, read paragraph in revision guide then summarise it into a few sentences. Get someone to test you.</p> <p>The BBC bitesize revision website has interactive resources, revision notes, activities and tests: http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zng4d2p</p> <p>'Revision Monkey' YouTube channel has 20 KS3 revision videos with a focus on chemistry and skills like graphs.</p> <p>Doddle activities have been set up on Doddle to aid revision. There will be materials on two topics per 2 week cycle.</p>		

Maths

Calculator. Revision lists are available on Doodle. We recommend that students practice answering questions as success in maths is not a recall of key facts but the ability to tackle a wide variety of topics. In lessons we have been talking to the students about the following:

You should go back through past exam papers, homework sheets, Doodle and classroom activities and practice answering these questions. Check your understanding by making sure the answers are correct, don't assume that if the answer is wrong that you don't know how to do something. It may just be an arithmetic mistake you have made. On the other hand it may be that your understanding isn't quite right yet so utilise Doodle's online lessons to reteach yourself the key information.

Try to plan revision sessions with friends or family members as discussing and explaining mathematics can help you understand the subject much more deeply.

Most importantly prepare yourself!

Make sure you have all the equipment that you will need for your exam.

Make sure get plenty of rest, eat well and drink plenty of water

Make sure that you talk to other people. Keep your exam preparation in perspective. Stay calm and do your best!

Product Design

The Product Design examination will take place in the first lesson the students attend after the half term break. There is no revision needed for this examination as it requires creativity, design and modelling skills and also an ability to look back and reflect on designs to further improve them. The students will sit their examination in their usual workshop and all materials will be provided. The students will be given a problem to solve through creatively designing a solution. The examination will take place in a single one hour lesson.

