Year 8 February Exams – Overview

Activities in PE change each half-term, with short practical assessments taking place at the end of this period. There is therefore no single examination in PE, with the 'Exam Grade' on reports based on average performance across each recent assessment.

Exam grades in Art are based on continual assessments of students' work across lessons and therefore no single Exam scheduled for these subjects.

Exam grades in Music are based on continual assessment of students' practical performances, plus Baseline and End of Unit Tests in each topic.

There will be no exam grade for DT or Food this year and the assessment will be based on their ATL score for the practical work in lessons over time.

Computer Science will have an online theory assessment in lesson, as well as in class assessment of practical tasks.

Subject	Test Format	Test Topics	How to Revise
English	Paper 1 Fictional Writing: One 40 Mark question The students are assessed for the quality of their creative prose writing skills. 24 marks are awarded for communication and organisation; 16 marks are awarded for vocabulary, sentence structure, spelling and punctuation.	Students have been studying a range of fictional texts during the Autumn term, as well as reading fictional books during their reading lessons and reading fictional stories in tutor time as part of the tutor programme. As a result, students will be familiar with fictional reading.	Students have also learned how to plan and write a fiction piece of their own, drawing on the reading and analysis of published examples. They need to know how to write a descriptive narrative, showing a clear structure to the story, as well as using clear examples of literary devices and it is important that they know how to develop their ideas. The best way to revise to practise writing short stories and to go back through the work in their English books and note the comments and targets from their teachers, they will also be given practice tasks to do.

Maths	Two 40 minutes exams, one non-calculator and one calculator paper. Each paper is worth 50 marks. Students are expected to bring their own equipment including a scientific calculator.	Topics covered in the test: Unit 1 – Factors and Multiples Unit 2 – Ratio, Rate and Speed Unit 3 – Approximation and Estimation Unit 4 – Algebraic Expressions, Formulae and Proof Unit 5 – Equations and Inequalities Unit 6 – Angles in Polygons Unit 7 – Perimeter and Area	The best way to revise Maths is to Do Maths, the main resource we use for revision is vle.mathswatch.co.uk The topic list with Mathswatch clip numbers can be found at the bottom of the Maths subject page in the learning areas section of the school's website and feedback sheets on specific topics can be found in the back of student's exercise books.
Science	One 40 min paper worth 40 marks	Topics covered: Topic 8 Variation and biodiversity Topic 9 Energy on earth Topic 10 Periodic table	1. Do not leave your revision to the day before. Plan your time and ensure you have dedicated time for all three topics. 2. Ensure you know the meanings of all the science key words. These and their definitions can be found at the front of your booklets or in the 'Resources' section on Teams. You could write the words on flash cards and the meanings on the back, then get someone to test you or test yourself by reading out the word and recalling the definition or reading the definition and recalling the word. 3. Ensure you can answer all the core questions in the back of your booklet. Copies of the core questions and answers can be found in the 'Resources' section of your class on Teams 4. Copies of the PPTs used in lessons, and lists of keys words in lessons are also available in the 'Resources' section in Teams 5. You can re-do SENECA tasks to aid your revision

| Geography | One 40-minute exam. Part 1. Knowledge test. Part 2. Geography Skills Part 3. Extended writing | **Development**
- Classifications and distribution of development
- Development indicators
- How do countries develop
- The development gap
- Reasons why the UK is an AC and Ghana is an EDC.

Tectonic hazards
- Continental drift theory
- The structure of the Earth
- Plate boundaries
- Causes of earthquakes & volcanoes
- Haiti earthquake case study
- Hazard management

Resource Management
- The supply and demand for resources
- Human use of the environment
- Impacts of resource consumption
- Global access to food
- Factors influencing food security
- Impacts of food insecurity.

Mathematical skills
- Mean, Mode, Median, Range, Percentage change. | • **Knowledge organiser** and exercise book
• The **'I Can statements'** can be used as your checklist.
• All lesson PowerPoints will be uploaded to teams and each topic has a **revision PowerPoint** to help with the creation of flashcards.
• Ensure you know what each command word means when it is used in a question. This will help you to structure your responses and know how much detail is required depending on the marks awarded.
• The lesson before your assessment week lesson will be a revision lesson, but this lesson will not have the time to cover all the topics on the list provided. |

History	One 40-minute exam
Part 1: Knowledge Test
Part 2: Extended writing – Essay style question [from a choice of two]	Please refer to the checklist in the guidance for each topic:
Unit 1 – Regicide to Republic, 1603-1660
Unit 2 – Rights and Revolutions, 1660-1789
Unit 3 – Industrial Britain, 1750-1900	Students should use their exercise books and knowledge organisers [x3] to revise. The following will also be attached on Teams to support your revision: 1. Revision Guidance – This includes a checklist and an extensive list of practice questions for every topic, as well as guidance on how to revise. 2. Knowledge Organisers 1, 2 and 3 – One for each unit [these are also in students' exercise books]. 3. Revision Work Booklets 1, 2 and 3 - One for each unit. These include simple activities and answers to support students' independent revision. 4. Additional Home Learning Booklet – Contains more detailed information and tasks per topic for students who need to catch up.
French	Listening
Reading, translation & grammar
Writing and translation	Vif! Book 2. Units 1 & 2
Any other elements that were covered in year 7.	LanguageNut, Kerboodle French, BBC Bitesize, Oak National Academy and resources shared on the whole year group MFL sections of MS Teams.
Spanish	Listening
Reading, translation & grammar
Writing and translation	Claro Book 2. Units 1 & 2
Any other elements which were covered in year 7.	LanguageNut, Kerboodle Spanish, BBC Bitesize, Oak National Academy and resources shared on the whole year group MFL sections of MS Teams.
Drama	The assessment is split in two. A practical assessment and a written assessment.
A performance of a devised scene in groups using non-naturalistic devices.	Naturalism and non-naturalism. Stanislavski and Theatre History.	We will have a revision lesson the week before the written assessment in which they will bring home a revision document.

	A written paper assessing understanding of the work completed.		
Computer Science	1 x 40 online exam (week 2) The paper is worth 40 marks and is an online exam.	The topics that will be covered in the test are: - Computer Hardware - Spreadsheets / Excel (Modelling Data) - Binary conversion - Cyber security - Scratch - Basic Programming Constructs	The best way to revise would be to use your exercise books and the following online revision links: - BBC Bitesize: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/z26rcdm/revision/1 - https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zws8d2p/revision/1 - https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zcxgr82/revision/1 - https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zdydmp3/revision/1 - Teach Computing: - https://teachcomputing.org/curriculum/key-stage-3 - Oak Academy: - https://classroom.thenational.academy/units/spreadsheets-cc8b - https://classroom.thenational.academy/units/computing-systems-1558
PRE	One 40 minute exam: There will be a mixture of short and essay style questions.	The topics that will be covered are: 1. Eastern Religions 2. Rites of Passage	Best ways to revise include the knowledge organisers, revision resources and lesson resources that are on the MS Teams channel for the whole Year Group. You can also use BBC Bitesize, True Tube and Oak National Academy.