

KS3 exams



Parent and student guidance

Why are we having these assessments?

- Teachers will have an accurate picture of your progress this year and will know how to help you to improve further.
- An opportunity for you to show how much progress you have made this year.
- Good practice for GCSEs

How will my teachers help me?

- In the lead up to assessments, your teachers will be setting you homework to help you revise. Make sure you follow their advice and complete homework to the best of your ability.
- Your form tutor and subject teachers will be talking to you about how to revise effectively in the lead up to the exams.
- Teachers may offer 'drop in' sessions—take advantage of these and attend.

How do I make sure my revision is effective?

Good Revision	Bad Revision
Cue Cards	Reading notes
Thinking maps	Highlighting
Post it notes	Copying large sections of text
Paired revision	
Teaching others	
Repetitive learning	

Always follow up with an exam question to make sure that you can apply the knowledge you have just learnt.

"All hard work brings a profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty" Proverbs 14:23

Where should I revise?

- A quiet place away from distractions, including music, television and mobile phones!
- A clear workspace with resources to hand .
- Little and often – 45 minutes per session.

Who will be invigilating my exams?

- It may be teachers, the SEN team or external invigilators you may not recognise, but they are all there to support you during your exams.

How do I know when and what to revise?

- Create a flexible timetable (see the example on the right).
- Start in plenty of time.
- Be realistic – if you are over-ambitious you are unlikely to stick to it.
- Plan in your extra-curricular activities and time for relaxing first.
- Identify subjects/topics you know you struggle with and start with these first.
- Agree the plan with your parents and expect them to hold you to account!

Term time revision timetable

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13



Will I receive a timetable?

- A designated timetable will not be provided. But for exams taking place in the Sports Hall (English and Maths) these dates will be shared with you in advance.
- Teachers will share when you should expect to have their assessments in class, on Satchel One.

How do I prepare the day before and the day of the assessment?

- Make sure you pack your bag the night before. Check the equipment you need for each exam. Always have two black pens in your pencil case.
- Check that you have your clear water bottle. Hydration is important.
- Make sure you eat breakfast on the day, even if you feel nervous! Your brain cannot function properly without fuel.
- Check the times of the exams and where you need to be. Make sure you are ready and in the right place in good time.
- Make sure your bag is on the bag rack and that any notes or mobile phones are not taken into the exam room.

Where will my exams take place?

- Maths and English exams will take place in the Sports Hall.
- Exams for other subjects will take place in classrooms.

What equipment should I have for exams?

- Clear pencil case.
- Clear water bottle with no labels or writing on.
- Black pens—biros are the best as they do not smudge easily.
- Pencils for drawings and rough notes.
- Calculator (where required for Maths and Science).
- Maths equipment—compasses, protractor, ruler.

What should I do if I have access arrangements?

- For Maths and English exams, you will be taking your exams in a smaller room. You should meet in the courtyard outside the Bistro where the person supporting you will collect you and take you to your exam room. This may be a classroom, or one of our regularly used exam rooms.
- For other subjects, you may be taken out of class to receive your access arrangements in another room or, you may receive support in class for these. Your teacher will be able to tell you what has been planned for you and where you should go.

*Help me, God, to face this exam with a fresh mindset,
My mind uncluttered from the one before.
If others have gone well, may I not be overconfident now;
If they have been difficult, may I not dwell on them.
Keep my eyes only on the paper in front of me,
And fill my memory with the fruit of my revision.
Help me to give myself the best chance of success,
In every exam I take.
Amen*