

Year 8 End of Year Assessments

Dear Pupils, Parents and Carers,

The attached information is to help map out your end of year assessments. For the most part the best place to revise is to use your exercise book from this year as well as any booklets / textbooks you have been given by your class teacher. You will see that there are some web resources you can use as well, and if you go to the school website you will find that the links will take you directly to places where you can revise. (On the website click under 'Academic' to find this information.)

For most subjects, the guide time for the homework over May half-term is about an hour. This is just a guide to help you plan your revision and preparation. By giving you this information 2 weeks before the half-term holiday it also gives you the chance to plan out your work and even complete some before you start the half-term holiday if you want.

Please listen carefully to your teacher in class. You have 2 booklets you can use to make notes and jot down ideas. You can also record the date of your assessment for each subject to help you organise your work.

Please do not worry about your end of year assessments: they are just a chance for you to see the areas you are doing well and to see the next stages in your work. If you do find yourself worrying remember that all the adults at school and at home are here to help you, and if you are worrying, please talk to me, your tutor or someone at home and we will always listen to you.

Good luck!
Mr G Johnson
Head of Year 8

Religious Education

Being Organised

Every pupil has an orange exercise book they have been completing throughout the year.

THIS IS THE BEST PLACE TO START REVISION. It will also benefit pupils to revise material completed on Teams during lockdown.

The topics we have studied this year are:

- Christianity
- People of God
- Challenge and division
- Life worth living
- Pilgrimage

Homework for May Half Term

Title	Revision
Description	A3 summary sheet
Length of Time to be Spent	1 Hour
Guidance of what to include	Topic Studied in Year 8
Completion Date	W/B 7 th June

Date of Assessment: _____

Maths

Being Organised

Unit 1 Number	Unit 6 Decimals and ratio
Unit 2 Area and volume	Unit 7 Lines and angles
Unit 3 Statistics, graphs and charts	Unit 8 Calculating with fractions
Unit 4 Expressions and equations	Unit 9 Straight-line graphs
Unit 5 Real-life graphs	Unit 10 Percentages, decimals and fractions

1. Before you start revising, get all your notes sorted, and draw up a list of all the topics you need to cover. Plan exactly when you are going to revise and be strict with yourself with treats to look forward to.

2. Don't just read your notes! The only way to revise maths is to do maths. You will do much better spending 20 minutes doing maths questions than spending two hours just reading a textbook. The more questions you do yourself, the more you will get right, the higher your confidence will be, the more you will enjoy your revision, and the better you will do in the exam.

3. Use the internet. The internet is like having your own personal teacher who is available for you whenever you like. We recommend Hegarty Maths and Mymaths but there are other websites that can set you questions and mark them for you, take you through step-by-step how to tackle certain topics, and use fancy illustrations and animations that might just make that really annoying topic finally make sense.

4. Don't just practice the topics you can do. If you are really good at fractions, for example, it is very tempting to keep doing lots of fractions questions and then smiling as you keep getting them right. But unfortunately, the exam is probably not going to have more than one or two fractions questions. Although it can be painful, work your way through the topics that you struggle with, because it is much better to struggle on them at home, when you have time on your side and the answers available, than it is to struggle in the exam.

5. Make sure you ask for help. Again, once you are in the exam you are on your own, but during revision you are certainly not. If you are stuck on a topic or a question, then ask one of the people from your class, or your teacher, or someone at home, or look on the internet. Don't suffer alone!

6. Practice doing questions under exam conditions. Get someone to pick you a set of questions from your textbook, or get some from a maths website, and try doing them in silence, with no help, for a fixed amount of time. This will get you used to what it will be like in the exam, how fast you need to go, and is the best way of checking that you really understand a topic.

7. Practice using your calculator! Many people seem to assume that any question that lets you use a calculator is easy, and all calculators work the same. Those people are wrong on both counts. All calculators work differently, and unless you have used yours for lots of different types of questions (trig, Pythagoras, negative numbers, indices), you might come unstuck in the exam. Find out if there are any problems early enough to correct them, and don't forget to bring your calculator to the exam.

8. Most important of all, try not to worry. A little worry is not a bad thing as it keeps you focused, but revision certainly shouldn't be a stressful time. It should be a time where your brain gets chance to sort all the information it has been bombarded with and make sense of everything.

Homework for May Half Term

Title	Practice Assessment + Hegarty
Description	Questions in the style of the assessment
Length of Time to be Spent	1 Hour
Guidance of what to include	Ensure working is clear and explanations given where required
Completion Date	W/B 7 th June

Date of Assessment: _____

English

Being Organised

Every pupil has been issued with a PowerPoint booklet that has been created by the English Department. This includes a series of activities, past questions and example answers. This will be used during lessons to help prepare pupils for their exams, and it is the best place for pupils to start their revision.

All pupils should bring their PowerPoint booklet to all lessons in the lead up to their exam.

Other Online Material

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zfwpd6f/articles/z7gdscw>

BBC Bitesize KS3 Revision Material – Comparing Non-Fiction Texts

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zyydjxs/revision/1>

BBC Bitesize KS3 Revision Material – Writing with a Viewpoint

[KS3 English - BBC Bitesize](#)

Homework for May Half Term

Title	Non-Fiction Reading + Writing
Description	Extension Task + Revision from PP Booklet
Length of Time to be Spent	1 Hour
Guidance of what to include	Include all Writing devices and Crafting Checklist as outlined in PP booklet to complete the Writing task. Make notes by condensing/summarising key advice for reading and answering on non-fiction from PP booklet and exercise book.
Completion Date	W/B 7 th June

Date of Assessment: _____

Science

Being Organised

Every pupil has a study guide and corresponding revision sheets made by the St Leonard's Science department. They cover all 3 Sciences. THIS IS THE BEST PLACE TO START REVISION.

Other Online Material

- [BBC bitesize](#)

Homework for May Half Term

Title	Year 8 revision
Description	A4 summary sheets
Length of Time to be Spent	1 Hour
Guidance of what to include	Each topic needs covering
Completion Date	11 th June (depending on lessons)

Date of Assessment: _____

French

Being Organised

You will need to revise from your textbook / booklets – covering all Modules from 1-4. Your teacher will provide you with a revision booklet – this will help you to prepare for the exam, in particular for the written questions which you will be given in advance to learn.

Other Online Material

[BBC Bitesize](#) - an excellent resource to revise vocabulary and topics, highly recommended by the MFL department

[Quizlet](#) - another excellent resource to practise vocabulary

Homework for May Half Term

Title	Revision
Description	Vocabulary and writing questions.
Length of Time	1 Hour
Guidance	Revision from booklet as instructed by teacher.
Completion Date	First lesson after half term

Date of Assessment: _____

German

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Date of Assessment: _____

Computing

Being Organised

Every pupil has an exercise book that they have been working in throughout this academic year. Class teachers will also provide a revision checklist for pupils to use to focus their revision.

Other Online Material

[BBC Bitesize](#)

[Seneca Learning](#)

Homework for May Half Term

Title	Year 8 Revision Mind Map
Description	A3 Revision Mind Map of key topics covered
Length of Time to be Spent	1 Hour
Guidance of what to include	Key information about topics covered in Y8
Completion Date	First lesson after half term

Date of Assessment: _____

Geography

Being Organised

Every pupil has a red A4 exercise book. THIS IS THE BEST PLACE TO START REVISION.

Other Online Material

[BBC Bitesize – this is aimed at KS3](#)

Homework for May Half Term

Title	Geography revision booklet
Description	Complete the tasks in the booklet
Length of Time to be Spent	1 Hour
Guidance of what to include	As directed by the booklet
Completion Date	First lesson after half term

Date of Assessment: _____

History

Being Organised

Every pupil has a blue exercise book they have been completing throughout the year.
THIS IS THE BEST PLACE TO START REVISION.

The topics we have covered this year are:

- The Stuarts
- Slavery
- The British Empire
- The Industrial Revolution

Other Online Material

[BBC Bitesize](#)

Homework for May Half Term

Title	Year 8 History Revision
Description	A3 Summary Sheet
Length of Time to be Spent	1 Hour
Guidance of what to include	Key topics studied in Year 8
Completion Date	W/B 7 th June

Date of Assessment: _____

Technology

Being Organised

Students have notes made whilst studying this year – all modules have been supported by a work booklet and a homework booklet. THIS IS THE BEST PLACE TO START REVISION.

Other Online Material

- [BBC Bitesize](#)
- <https://www.technologystudent.com/>

Homework for May Half Term

Title	Key Revision
Description	Students will complete a short series of questions in preparation for similar challenges in the end of Year Assessment
Length of Time to be Spent	1 Hour
Guidance of what to include	Full considered answers
Completion Date	First lesson after half term

Date of Assessment: _____

Art

Being Organised

Students are not required to revise and learn specific content in preparation for their examination. The examination is a practical one and as such is a test of their knowledge, understanding and technical skills developed through their projects this year. Including drawing accurately from a secondary source, being able to select appropriate compositions, being able to use and combine graphite, pen and coloured pencils effectively through blending and tonal shading techniques.

Students will be shown a range of examples of various graded past examinations in order to enhance their understanding of the examination itself.

Students must have the following materials for the examination: Pencils, pen or fine liner (preferably black), rubbers, rulers, sharpeners, **coloured pencils – Please note that these are essential and listed as such in the school’s essential equipment for students.**

Other Online Material

- Drawing Eyes Tutorial - [How to Draw BOTH Eyes \(Evenly and Symmetrically!\)](#)
- Drawing Manga style eyes Tutorial - [How to Draw Eyes for Beginners | Anime Manga Drawing Tutorial](#)
- Drawing Mouths Tutorial - [How to Draw a Mouth](#)
- Drawing Noses Tutorial - [How to Draw a Nose](#)

Students are to watch the four tutorial videos using the links which cover all of the facial features as covered in lessons. This will help in refreshing understanding of facial anatomy, the technical drawing accuracy and tonal shading techniques required in order to produce an effective drawing.

Homework for May Half Term

Title	Manga Head and Body Drawings
Description	Students will select images from the facial expression & body resource sheets & draw them in their sketchbook, trying to use a range of techniques taught in class, including pen, graphite and colour.
Length of Time to be Spent	40 minutes
Guidance of what to include	Covered within the lessons prior to May half term
Completion Date	First lesson after half term.

Date of Assessment: _____

Music

Being Organised

All pupils have exercise books containing all of this year's work. THIS IS THE BEST PLACE TO START REVISION!

Homework booklets are also a useful source of information.

Other Online Material

The fantastic music theory website:

www.musictheory.net

BBC Bitesize:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zmsvr82>

Musical Futures:

www.musicalfuturesonline.org

Username - **slcsmusic**

Password - **slcsmusic**

Homework for May Half Term

Title	Revision
Description	Revise all topics covered this year
Length of Time to be Spent	1 Hour
Guidance of what to include	Treble and bass clef notes; chords; rhythm note names; melody writing over a given chord sequence; elements of music + listening to/analysing a piece of music.
Completion Date	W/B 7 th June

Date of Assessment: _____