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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: KS3 Core Examinations – 21st – 23rd June 2023

The KS3 Core Examinations will be taking place between 21st and 23rd June 2023. These exams are in English, maths and science, and follow on from the Foundation Examinations your child(ren) completed earlier in the academic year. The Core Examinations will allow you and your child(ren) to see where their strengths lie in the Core subjects and are an important indicator of progress made by students. There will be preparation taking place in lessons, however, the expectation is that this is supplemented and supported with revision at home.

If your child is ill during the Core Examination period, please phone the school office to report their absence in the usual way. We will re-arrange any missed exams for students who are too ill to attend. I would like to reiterate the importance of thorough preparation for these examinations. We have invested in an online revision tool called Seneca Learning; your child has the log in details for this. Please encourage them to use this **along with** the other signposted revision resources on GO 4 Schools for each subject.

During the Foundation Examination periods we held launch assemblies, during which we explained to students how to plan the use of their time and ensure that they can fit in sufficient revision for each subject. There is help, support and guidance on the school website [here](#) covering how to revise, how to deal with stress and useful links to documents such as the topics covered by the exams, a blank revision planner and the exams timetable. A copy of the exam timetable and the topics covered in each subject exam are included at the end of this letter and they have both been shared with students via Go4Schools and their email accounts.

Yours sincerely,

Dan Bird

Assistant Headteacher

Church Stretton School

Summer Term Core Exams 2023 - Year 7 Timetable

Week A

Date	Period 1 9.05 – 10.05	Period 2 10.05 – 11.05	Break	Period 3 11.20 – 12.20	Lunch	Period 4 13.10 – 14.10	Period 5 14.10 – 15.10
Wednesday 21 st June	Maths 1 hour (1 hour 15 mins)	Normal Lessons	Break	Normal Lessons	Lunch	Normal Lessons	Normal Lessons
Thursday 22 nd June	Normal Lessons	English 1 hour (1 hour 15 mins)	Break	Normal Lessons	Lunch	Normal Lessons	Normal Lessons
Friday 23 rd June	Normal Lessons	Normal Lessons	Break	Normal Lessons	Lunch	Science 50 mins (1 hour 3 mins)	Normal Lessons



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Summer Term Core Exams 2023 - Year 8 Timetable

Week A

Date	Period 1 9.05 – 10.05	Period 2 10.05 – 11.05	Break	Period 3 11.20 – 12.20	Lunch	Period 4 13.10 – 14.10	Period 5 14.10 – 15.10
Wednesday 21 st June	Normal Lessons	Normal Lessons	Break	Science 50 mins (1 hour 3 mins)	Lunch	Normal Lessons	Normal Lessons
Thursday 22 nd June	Normal Lessons	Normal Lessons	Break	Normal Lessons	Lunch	English 1 hour 15 mins (1 hour 34 mins)	Normal Lessons
Friday 23 rd June	Normal Lessons	Maths 1 hour (1 hour 15 mins)	Break	Normal Lessons	Lunch	Normal Lessons	Normal Lessons

KS3 Core Examinations information 2022-23

In addition to the Knowledge organisers that are hyperlinked for each subject, staff will also be setting revision tasks on Go4Schools. Some of these tasks will be set on the online learning platforms we subscribe to on student's behalf. The logon details are below, and it is possible to reset passwords for each site using students school email account. If your child has any problems, please ask them to contact Mr Bird, daniel.bird@csschool.co.uk.

	Username: firstname.surname Password: username
	Username: firstname.surname@csschool.co.uk Password: seneca2020
	Username: firstname.surname@csschool.co.uk Password: Stretton2021

Year 7 English

- Students will complete an [Unseen Poetry response](#).

Preparation:

Students should spend one lesson preparing for the assessment. In this preparation lesson, students will:

- **revise** metaphor (*tenor, vehicle, ground*)
- **be given** the title of the poem
- **be introduced to** some of difficult vocabulary from the unseen poem (i.e. the words provided in the glossary – see Appendix 1 – **but not the poem itself**)
- **be given some guidance** on how to approach the task

In the assessment:

Students can have access to:

An Unseen poem and a question.

- Students **cannot** take a notes page into the assessment.

Students should be given a maximum of **1 hour** to write their essay in exam conditions.

Year 8 English

- An essay question on [‘Animal Farm’ by George Orwell](#).

Preparation:

- Students will have a lesson preparing for the assessment.
- Students may make a plan for the assessment in the preparation lesson, **but these notes cannot be brought into the assessment**.

In the assessment:

Students can have access to:

The assessment Task (see Appendix 1)

- Students **cannot** bring in their copies of *Animal Farm*
- Students **cannot** take a notes page into the assessment.

Students should be given a maximum of **1 hour 15 minutes** to write their essay in exam conditions.

Year 7 Maths

Topic list:

- Analysing and displaying data
- Number skills
- Expressions, functions and formulae
- Decimals and measures
- Fractions and percentages
- Probability
- Ratio and proportion
- Lines and angles
- Sequences and graphs
- Transformations

Year 8 Maths

Topic list:

- Number
- Area and volume
- Statistics, graphs and charts
- Expressions and equations
- Real-life graphs
- Decimals and ratio
- Lines and angles
- Calculating with fractions
- Straight-line graphs
- Percentages, decimals and fractions

Year 7 Science

Biology

- [Working scientifically](#)
- [Cells](#)
- [Structure and function of body systems](#)

Chemistry

- [Particles and their behaviour](#)
- [Elements, atoms, and compounds](#)
- [Reactions](#)

Physics

- [Forces](#)
- [Sound](#)
- [Light](#)

Year 8 Science

Biology

- [Reproduction](#)
- [Health and lifestyle](#)
- [Ecosystem processes](#)

Chemistry

- [Acids and alkalis](#)
- [The periodic table](#)
- [Separation techniques](#)

Physics

- [Space](#)
- [Electricity and Magnetism](#)
- [Energy](#)