

Year 8 Foundation Examinations information 2023-24

The topics covered in each of the Year 8 subject exam are:

Computer Science

Year	Topic	Knowledge organiser
7	Collaborating online respectfully Networks Programming in Scratch Using media	7.1 Collaborating online respectfully 7.2 Networks from semaphore to the internet 7.3 Programming in Scratch, part 1 7.4 Using media – gaining support for a cause
8	Computing systems Developing the web Introduction to Python programming Media - vector graphics	8.1 Computing systems 8.2 Developing the web 8.3 Introduction to Python programming 8.4 Media – vector graphics

Drama

Students will be asked to describe, explain, and justify using examples from both recent and past practical activities how they would use **staging, space, and acting skills** to **communicate meaning** through theatre.

Topics that are to be revised using resources made available on Go4schools include - **Mood and Atmosphere** (haunted house), **Script** (Terry Dumpton), **Dramatic Structure** (Craig and Bentley), **Non-Verbal Drama** (The Arrival) and **Physical Comedy**.

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[Designing through sketching and modelling](#)

[Mechanical systems](#)

[Innovation through iterative design](#)

Workshop safety

French

Highlighted areas are where vocabulary overlaps.

<u>Year 7</u>	<u>Year 8</u>
Sports	TV programmes + opinions
School subjects + opinions	Festival activities
Near future	Holidays + perfect tense
Likes and dislikes.	Family members
Winter sports	Future plans + near future
Time expressions	Online activities
Days of the week	Sports
Personality adjectives	
Technology + activities	

For the writing test, be prepared to write, from memory, a paragraph of approx. 50 words about:

- i) how you normally celebrate Christmas
- ii) your favourite festival (with 2-3 reasons)
- iii) your plans for your birthday this year
- iv) a brief account of a past holiday (with opinions)

Spanish

List of topics to revise:

Mi Vida

Personal Information
 Personality
 Brothers and Sisters
 Dates and Birthdays
 Pets

Mi Tiempo Libre

Opinions
 Leisure Time activities
 Weather
 Sports
 Present tense hacer and jugar

Mi insti

School subjects
 Opinions and reasons
 School facilities and descriptions
 Break time activities (present tense verbs)

Geography

Year 7 Map skills:

[Knowledge organiser](#)

[Mapzone website](#)

Year 7 Rivers:

[Knowledge organiser](#)

Year 7 Climate change:

[Knowledge organiser](#)

Year 8 Geology:

[Knowledge organiser](#)

Year 8 Population:

[Knowledge organiser](#)

History

You will be asked about:

Year 7:

[Chronology](#)

[Invaders and Settlers](#)

[The Middle Ages](#)

[The Tudors](#)

Year 8:

[How did religious change affect the 17th century?](#)

[African Empires](#)

[The Transatlantic Slave Trade](#)

Music

Night and Day – Musical contrast and the elements of music

Rhythm and Pulse - Beats, pulse, and tempo

Form and Structure - Form and the building blocks of music

Blues - Blues Chord Sequence, melodies and improvisation on the Blues scale

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Year 7 and 8

- Key religious terms
- Christian beliefs including the Trinity.
- Muslim beliefs including the 5 pillars.
- Religious buildings design and features
- Judaism – Beliefs, Abraham, Moses, Synagogue, Judaism in the home Brit Milah and Bar Mitzvah