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Headteacher: Mr J Parr BA Hons

Tuesday, 14 February 2023

Dear Parent/Carers,

Re: Year 8 Foundation Examinations - w/b 6th March 2023

The Year 8 Foundation exams will be taking place during the week beginning 6th March 2023. Mr Cox, Head of the science and computing faculty, launched the Foundation Examinations with Year 8 on Monday 13th February via an assembly on the importance of revision. The exams will allow you and your child to see where their strengths lie in the Foundation 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 Foundation 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 launch assembly Mr. Cox explained to Year 8 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

Spring Term Foundation 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
Monday 6 th March	Normal Lessons	Normal Lessons	Break	Normal Lessons	Lunch	Normal Lessons	GEOGRAPHY (55 mins)
Tuesday 7 th March	Normal Lessons	FRENCH WRITING (45 mins)	Break	Normal Lessons	Lunch	CS (45 mins)	Normal Lessons
Wednesday 8 th March	Normal Lessons	HISTORY (45 mins)	Break	Normal Lessons	Lunch	MUSIC (30 mins)	Normal Lessons
Thursday 9 th March	Normal Lessons	Normal Lessons	Break	DRAMA (40 mins)	Lunch	DT (45 mins)	Normal Lessons
Friday 10 th March	Normal Lessons	Normal Lessons	Break	RE (45 mins)	Lunch	FRENCH READING (45 mins)	Normal Lessons

*The Y8 Art Exam will be carried out in class where all appropriate resources will be available to students

The topics covered in each of the Foundation subject examinations are:

Computer Science

Year	Topic	Knowledge organiser
7	E-safety	Year 7 knowledge organisers - KS3 computing
	Hardware and software	
	Algorithms 1	
8	Computing systems	8.1 Computing systems
	Developing the web	8.2 Developing the web
	Introduction to Python programming	8.3 Introduction to Python programming
	Media - vector graphics	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**.

DT

[Designing through sketching and modelling](#)

[Mechanical systems](#)

[Innovation through iterative design](#)

Workshop safety

Students will be directed to revision resources such as knowledge organisers and Seneca via Go4Schools.

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)

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:

[Crime and Punishment](#)

[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

RE

[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