



Key Stage 3
Examination Guide June 2025

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Year 8

Art

The Art mark is based on work completed throughout the second and into the third term.

60% - Sculpture project

10% - Written analysis on an artwork

10% - Observation homework

20% - summer drawing exam (carried out in class prior to school exams)

Biology

The Biology examination is 45 minutes with a range of diagrams to label, graphs to draw and interpret, short answer recall questions and longer extended questions. It will include all topics covered since September.

- Cells and life processes
- Animal Reproduction
- Senses.

Students should revise using their Biology Moodle Book on WHSCampus & paper companion booklets. A 30cm ruler, pens, pencils and calculator will be required to complete the examination.

Chemistry

The Chemistry examination is 45 minutes. The examination paper will consist of short answer recall and application questions. Pupils will be required to answer questions on

- Getting Started,
- Chemical Changes and
- Acids and Alkalis
- Separating Techniques topics (Up to and including lesson 3 on distillation)

and will be expected to recognise simple apparatus and draw graphs. Pupils should bring pens, pencils and ruler to the examination.

Computing

For summer reports pupils will get a mark based on completed digital portfolios and short class tests taken throughout the year on Scratch, Micro:Bits and Machine Learning.

Drama

In this 30-minute examination pupils will undertake a series of questions on the life and work of William Shakespeare. They will also be assessed on their knowledge of "Macbeth" and make decisions regarding character and costume. Pupils will also have the opportunity to reflect on the skills they have developed as part of the Shakespeare Festival.

English

The exam will last one hour. In Section A pupils will undertake a piece of writing based on a visual stimulus. In Section B pupils will undertake a series of SPG multiple choice questions.

French

There will be 4 parts to the examination: Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing.

The overall result is made up of a core unit test (10%), a core ICT task (10%) and the remaining skills areas are worth 20% each.

Revision lists and revision PowerPoints will be shared via WHS Campus and Google Classroom during the week beginning 7 April.

The Listening examination will be completed in class the week beginning Tuesday 6 May, the Speaking examination will be completed in class the week beginning Monday 13 May and the Reading and Writing examination will take place during the exam week.

Topics areas being tested are:

Unit 3 - where we live/Unit 4 - family and pets/Unit 5 physical descriptions

Geography

The examination will be one hour long, and answers will involve one word answers, definitions, and longer more detailed responses. Pupils may be asked to draw diagrams and interpret tables of data, maps and cartoons. The paper is worth 80% of the marks available and this will be added to the marks for the Core Assessment tests (20%).

Topics to be examined are Weather and Climate, Ecosystems and Geography in the News. There will be a UK focus to all of the questions.

All pupils need to ensure they have colouring pencils and other items included in the equipment list given at the beginning of term. Additional revision advice will be available on WHS Campus.

History

This paper will be 60 minutes long. The paper is split into 3 sections. This paper includes factual knowledge, sourcework and extended writing questions.

Pupils need to revise:

- History Skills
- The Harrying of the North, the Feudal System and the Domesday Book.
- Castles.
- The Normans in Ireland.

Students have copies of the sourcework writing frame in their notebooks and there are support materials, such as videos on WHS Campus.

The marks from the examination will be added to the two core assessments already completed to give an overall percentage out of 100.

Home Economics

The exam paper is 45 minutes in length and will examine all work covered since the beginning of September. Pupils are provided with a list of topics to revise. The examination is worth 80% and will be added to the two core assessments already completed (Topic test 10% and Core Practical 10%).

Mathematics

Pupils will sit one examination with two sections: Calculator and Non-Calculator. This will last for 90 minutes and consist of questions on topics covered between September and May. Revision material and all the teaching videos and classwork used are available digitally on WHS Campus. The department will use this result, combined with the most recent core assessments to suitably place pupils in classes for Year 9 Mathematics. Pupils should bring pens, pencils, a calculator, a ruler and protractor to the examination.

Music

The test is made up of an aural exam, lasting 30 minutes. Pupils will be examined on the Elements of Music and Active Listening, Minimalism and Polyrythms. This is worth 50% of the total mark. Revision ibooks and resources are available on WHSCampus.com. A further 20% consists of an ensemble performance assessment also taken in class time. 30% is a composition task in GarageBand.

Physics

The exam paper is 45 minutes in length and will consist of short answers and extended, recall and application questions. The content will be taken from the four workbooks completed since September:

1. Mass, Volume, Density and Forces
2. Energy
3. Our Solar System
4. Waves

A ruler, pen, pencil and **calculator** will be required.

Religious Studies

This examination will be 30 minutes long and is worth 90% of the June report, with the final 10% coming from their Core assessment which will take place before the examination. Topics covered in the examination include:

1. Refugee Crisis
2. Jesus in The Gospels
3. The Passion Narrative - this includes the Death, Resurrection and Ascension

Technology

Assessment will be based on a 45-minute exam (40%), design coursework (30%) and a practical (30%). The exam is to be based on work covered this year – health and safety, graphics, electronics, materials and workshop processes.

Year 9

Art

The Art mark is based on work completed throughout the second and into the third term.

50% - Colour theory project

20% - Gallery project

10% - Observation homework

20% - summer drawing exam (carried out in class prior to school exams)

Biology

The Biology examination is 45 minutes with a range of diagrams to label, short answer recall questions, graphs to draw and interpret and longer extended questions. It will include all topics covered since September.

- Diet & Digestion
- Respiration
- Plant Biology.

Students should revise using their Biology Moodle Book on WHSCampus & paper companion booklets. A 30cm ruler, pens, pencils and calculator will be required to complete the examination.

Chemistry

The Chemistry examination is 45 minutes. The examination paper will consist of short answer recall and application questions. Pupils will be required to answer questions on:

- Elements, Compounds and Mixtures
- Reactions
- Patterns of Reactivity
- Atomic Structure

Pupils should bring pens, pencils, ruler and a calculator to the examination.

Computing

For summer reports pupils will get a mark based on completed digital portfolios and short class tests taken throughout the year on Spreadsheets, Machine Learning and Python.

English

The exam will last one hour and will contain two sections:

A - Pupils will write a short speech using WRAPAPLUM techniques.

B- Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar: Multiple choice questions.

Geography

The examination will be one hour long, and answers will involve one word answers, definitions, and longer more detailed responses. Pupils may be asked to draw diagrams and interpret tables of data, maps and cartoons. The paper is worth 80% of the marks available and this will be added to the marks for the Core Assessment tests (20%).

Topics to be examined are Population and Migration, Glaciation and Geography in the News. There will be a European focus to all of the questions.

All pupils need to ensure they have colouring pencils and other items included in the equipment list given at the beginning of term. Additional revision advice will be available on WHS Campus.

History

This paper will be 60 minutes long. The paper is split into 3 sections. This includes factual knowledge, source work and extended writing.

Pupils need to revise:

- The Plantations in Ireland
- The English Civil War
- Oliver Cromwell
- Optional question on the Williamite Wars in Ireland
- Students should revise their source work skills making use of the source work writing frame located in their class notebooks. There is also an electronic version on WHS Campus.

The marks from the examination will be added to the two core assessments already completed to give an overall percentage out of 100.

Home Economics

The exam paper is 45 minutes in length and will examine all work covered since the beginning of September. Pupils will be given a list of topics to revise. The examination is worth 80% and will be added to the two core assessments already completed (Topic test 10% and Core Practical 10%).

Mathematics

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Modern Languages

There will be 4 parts to the examination: Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing.

In German and Spanish each section is worth 25%.

In French the overall result is made up of a core unit test (10%), a core ICT task (10%) and the remaining skills areas are worth 20% each. Revision lists and revision PowerPoints will be shared via WHS Campus and Google Classroom during the week beginning 7 April.

The Listening examination will be completed in class the week beginning Tuesday 6 May, the Speaking examination will be completed in class the week beginning Monday 12 May and the Reading and Writing examination will take place during the exam week.

Topic areas being examined are:

French:

Unit 2 - Holidays and Unit 3 - Food

German:

Unit 3 - My school and Unit 4 - My house

Spanish:

Unit 4 - Family and pets/Unit 5 physical and character descriptions and Unit 6 - My school

Music

The test is made up of an aural exam, lasting 30 minutes. Pupils will be examined on the Elements of Music and Active Listening based on the music of Latin America. This is worth 50% of the total mark. Revision ibooks and resources are available in WHSCampus.com

A further 20% consists of an ensemble performance assessment taken in class time. 30% is a composition task in GarageBand.

Physics

The 45-minute test will include short format questions to test recall, knowledge and application on the following topics which have been studied since September.

1. Electricity
2. Light
3. Pressure
4. Sound
5. Radioactivity

A ruler, pen, pencil and **calculator** will be required.

Religious Studies

This examination will be 30 minutes long and is worth 90% of the June report, with the final 10% coming from their Core assessment which will take place before the examination. Topics covered in the examination include:

1. Church History 2 - Significant Events within the Christian Church
2. Martin Luther King
3. Introduction to Science and Religion - are these worldviews compatible

Technology

Assessment will be based on a 45-minute exam (40%), design coursework (30%) and a practical (30%).

The exam is to be based on work covered this year – health and safety, graphics, mechanisms, materials and workshop processes. Pupils should also understand the work covered in Year 8 – this knowledge provides the essential building blocks required to give an overall understanding of Technology.

Year 10

Art

The Art mark is based on work completed throughout the second and into the third term.

60% - Ceramics project

10% - Written analysis on an artwork

10% - Observation homework

20% - summer drawing exam (carried out in class prior to school exams)

Biology

The Biology examination is 45 minutes with a range of diagrams to label, short answer recall questions, graphs to draw and interpret and longer extended questions. It will include all topics covered since September.

- Blood & Circulation
- Microbes & Health
- Genetics (initial lessons only)

Students should revise using the Biology Moodle Books on WHSCampus & their paper companion booklets. A 30cm ruler, pens, pencils and calculator will be required to complete the examination.

Chemistry

The Chemistry examination is 45 minutes. The examination paper will consist of short answer recall and application questions.

Pupils will be required to answer questions on

- Neutralisation
- GCSE Atomic Structure
- GCSE Bonding
- GCSE Solubility

Pupils should bring pens, pencils, ruler and a calculator to the examination.

English

The exam will last one hour. It is based on the War Poetry anthology. Pupils will write a comparative essay based on two poems. They will need to revise all poems in the anthology and learn relevant context for each one.

Geography

The examination will be one hour long, and answers will involve one word answers, definitions, and longer more detailed responses. Pupils may be asked to draw diagrams and interpret tables of data, maps and cartoons. The paper is worth 80% of the marks available and this will be added to the marks for the Core Assessment tests (20%).

Topics to be examined are Trade and Fair Trade, International Aid, Globalisation, Fragile Ecosystems and Geography in the News. There will be a global focus to all the questions.

All pupils need to ensure they have colouring pencils and other items included in the equipment list given at the beginning of term. Additional revision advice will be available on WHS Campus.

History

This paper will be 60 minutes long. The paper is split into 3 sections. This includes factual knowledge, source work and extended writing.

Pupils need to revise the following topics:

- The Suffragettes
- The Jazz Age
- The Rise of the Nazis

Students should revise their source work skills making use of the source work writing frame located in their class notebooks. There is also an electronic version on WHS Campus.

The marks from the examination will be added to the two core assessments already completed to give an overall percentage out of 100.

Home Economics

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Modern Languages

French, German and Spanish

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Topics

French:

Unit 2 - Festivals and Unit 3 - Free time and hobbies.

German:

Unit 3 - My weekend, Unit 4 - my family and friends and Unit 5 - My daily routine.

Spanish:

Unit 2 - Hobbies and free time and Unit 3 - Travel and Tourism.

Music

The examination is a 30-minute aural paper. Pupils are examined on The Elements of Music and must respond critically to excerpts of Film soundtracks and general listening. Revision aids can be found in the Film iBook in WHScampus.

A further 20% consists of an ensemble performance assessment taken in class time. 30% is a composition task in iMovie, creating a soundtrack for a 60 second stop motion clip.

Physics

The 45-minute test will include short format questions to test recall, knowledge and application of the following topics which have been studied since September.

1. Motion
2. Mechanics - levers, gears and pulleys
3. Electricity and Electrical Power
4. Nuclear Physics

A ruler, pen, pencil and **calculator** will be required.

Religious Studies

This examination will be 45 minutes long. It will be based on the content covered so far in their Introduction to Christian Ethics GCSE module, focusing on the theme of 'Personal and Family Matters'.

This examination will have a range of questions from 1 mark, 5 mark and 10-mark GCSE questions.

Technology

Assessment will be based on a 45-minute exam (60%), design coursework (20%) and practical work to include soldering and computer control-based tasks (20%).

The exam is to be based on work covered this year – Health and Safety, graphics, electronics (potential dividers based round sensing components, resistors, transistors, output components), computer control, materials and workshop processes.

Pupils should also understand work covered in Years 8 and 9 – this knowledge provides the essential building blocks required for an overall understanding of Technology.