

The Exam Timetable

	8.55am	11:45am	1.15pm
Mon 6th Jan	Geography: 1 hour	English Language: 45 mins	French: 1 hour 20
Tues 7th Jan	Mathematics 1: 1 hour	Religious Studies: 40 mins	Science: 1 hour
Wed 8th Jan	German: 1 hour 20		History: 1 hour
Thurs 9th Jan	English Literature: 1 hour		Mathematics 2: 1 hour
Fri 10th Jan	Spanish: 1 hour 20	PE: 45 mins	Computing: 1 hour

Key information for the exams

All exams will be held in the Sports Hall.

Year 9 will line up in the Sports Hall in teaching-group order, according to the seating plan, which will be in the pupil entrance and outside the Sports Hall.

The lining up times will be 8:45am, 11.35am and 1:05pm. Registration will be as normal with a prompt dismissal.

In addition we will be following some public exam rules so that you get practice in taking exams:

- You must write in black ink. If you don't have a black pen buy one - and a spare. Bring specialist equipment eg Maths equipment
- Your pencil case must be see through. If it isn't you can use a clear plastic bag
- NO mobile phones or watches are allowed in the examination space - pupils risk being disqualified from an exam if these are found
- Drinking water is encouraged but the water must be in a clear plastic bottle with a sports top and label removed - coloured bottles are not allowed

- The school rule about not leaving a lesson to go to the toilet is strictly enforced unless there is a good medical reason otherwise
- The Sports Hall may be cold - wear layers - you can always take a jumper off if you are too hot
- Taking an exam requires you to be in silence all the time you are in the exam room and to face the front once you are seated.

Pupils who miss an exam may have to catch up after school - your teacher will decide.

Top Five Revision Tips

- Start your revision in good time and plan a revision timetable
- Find a quiet place to revise – your bedroom, school, the local library – and refuse to be interrupted or distracted
- Short spurts of revision (25-30 minutes) are most effective. Your concentration lapses after about an hour and you need to take a short break (5-10 minutes)
- In the evenings after school, plan two (or three) subjects only. Leave time for relaxation
- Plan to revise specific topics or aspects of a subject – for example, not just ‘German’ but ‘German – weather’

Revising at home: Know how you learn best

Everybody has a way of learning that suits them well. What works best for you?

Try some of these to see what works for you:

- Read through a topic and make brief notes on cards which can be used for further revision later
- Instead of writing notes in words, draw a picture
- Redraw diagrams and check how well they match the original
- Use flow charts to sequence events or activities. Use linking words between boxes to illustrate the nature of the sequence
- Use colours to highlight keywords in your notes
- Work with a partner to help and test each other on, for example, performing calculations, recalling linked facts or dates, drawing conclusions from evidence, explaining the meaning of keywords (and spelling them correctly, also in French and Spanish), etc.
- Keep testing yourself on a topic until you feel that you really know it
- Don't waste time revising things that you already know well - focus on the bits that you are struggling with