

Year 9 Examinations 2023

	9.00am	11.00am	1.20pm
Mon 16th January	Geography	English Language	French
	1 hour	45 mins	1 hour
Tues 17th January	History	Computing	German
	1 hour	45 mins	1 hour
Wed 18th January	RE	PE	English Literature
	50 mins	45 mins	1 hour

Key information for the exams

All exams will be held in the Sports Hall.

Year 9 will line up at the time stated above 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.

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 (pupils with a toilet card should carry it with them in their pencil case)
- 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 try not to become interrupted or distracted. There is an app called Forest that means you stay off your phone for a set amount of time and the app grows a virtual tree while you are revising. Lots of pupils have said that this really helps them avoid phone distractions.
- Short spurts of revision (25-30 minutes) are most effective. Your concentration lapses after that long 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:

- Make brief notes on cards or A3 paper which can be used for further revision later
- Instead of writing notes in words, draw a picture and label each feature.
- 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 and exercise book work.
- 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.
- Websites like [bbc bitesize](#) can help as they have quizzes you can use.