

Dear Parents,

In the week beginning the 24<sup>th</sup> June students in the Lower School will be taking their end of year examinations. The time table is such that the examinations will take place on Monday – Wednesday; on Thursday students will be doing an activity day and on Friday Year 8, 7BH and 7AH will be doing the Science Fair and other Year 7 classes will be doing a Science based activity.

We are very aware that examinations can be a cause for worry and anxiety in our students so whilst we do want to give them the practice and see how much they have learnt this year, this week should not be seen as being under pressure and the results will be seen as one more piece of the data we have been collecting this year.

The week is very much about becoming familiar with the exam papers and the style of writing needed to answer each question. With this in mind we have been teaching the students the requirements of each exam and in the case of English, the students have seen the exam paper so they can work on preparing good, detailed answers.

Please do support your child in preparing for these examinations so that they can feel confident and ready to tackle the papers. They can practise answers at home and learn them. In terms of the poetry, students need to know the poems as they will not have copies in the exam; this is to build the students' ability to learn information which will be vital at GCSE.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mrs Davies. I know the students in Lower School will work hard and we are looking forward to seeing them being very successful and confident in examination week.

Yours sincerely,

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Head of Lower School

# Year 7 Exam Week – June 2019

	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June
Periods 1 & 2	English Reading	English Writing	Humanities
Periods 3 & 4	Spelling Poetry	Access Reading Maths (Calculator)	Science
Adv & P5	Maths (Non-Calculator)	Technology	German Spanish REAL Extra

**Mobile phones are NOT permitted in the exams. If left in your bag they MUST be switched OFF.**

**Equipment needed for exams – either in your hand or a CLEAR pencil case**

- Black pen (and a spare)
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Rubber
- Scientific calculator
- Protractor
- Pair of mathematical compasses

**Students must also have a reading book or a small colouring book and colouring pencils with them in each exam**

# Year 7 Revision Topics - June 2019

## English - Reading

- Key terminology – nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, alliteration, onomatopoeia, simile, personification, metaphor, rhetorical questions, use of sentences, paragraphs, punctuation

## English - Writing

- Use of key terminology – nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, alliteration, onomatopoeia, simile, personification, metaphor, rhetorical questions, use of sentences, paragraphs, punctuation
- Persuasive writing techniques
- Forms of writing – for example how would you set out a speech.

## English - Poetry

Death of a Naturalist by Seamus Heaney. Revise key quotations, How the poem shows childhood

## Science

- Cells - Parts of cells and their function; differences between plant and animal cells
- Forces – types of forces, friction, speed calculations, distance-time graphs
- Electricity – series and parallel circuits
- Changes of state
- Mixtures – methods of separating mixtures
- Identifying and selecting equipment
- Reading graphs
- Improving investigations
- Types of variables
- Drawing and reading graphs
- Describing the method for an investigation

## Geography

- Location of major cities and towns in the UK
- Location of continents, oceans and countries in the world (you do NOT need to know the location of every country!)
- Map skills – four figure and six figure grid references, direction
- Constructing a climate graph

## History

- Placing dates in order
- Historical sources (identifying primary and secondary sources)
- Castles, Battle of Hastings, Black Death

## Philosophy and Ethics

- World religions
- Spiritual identity