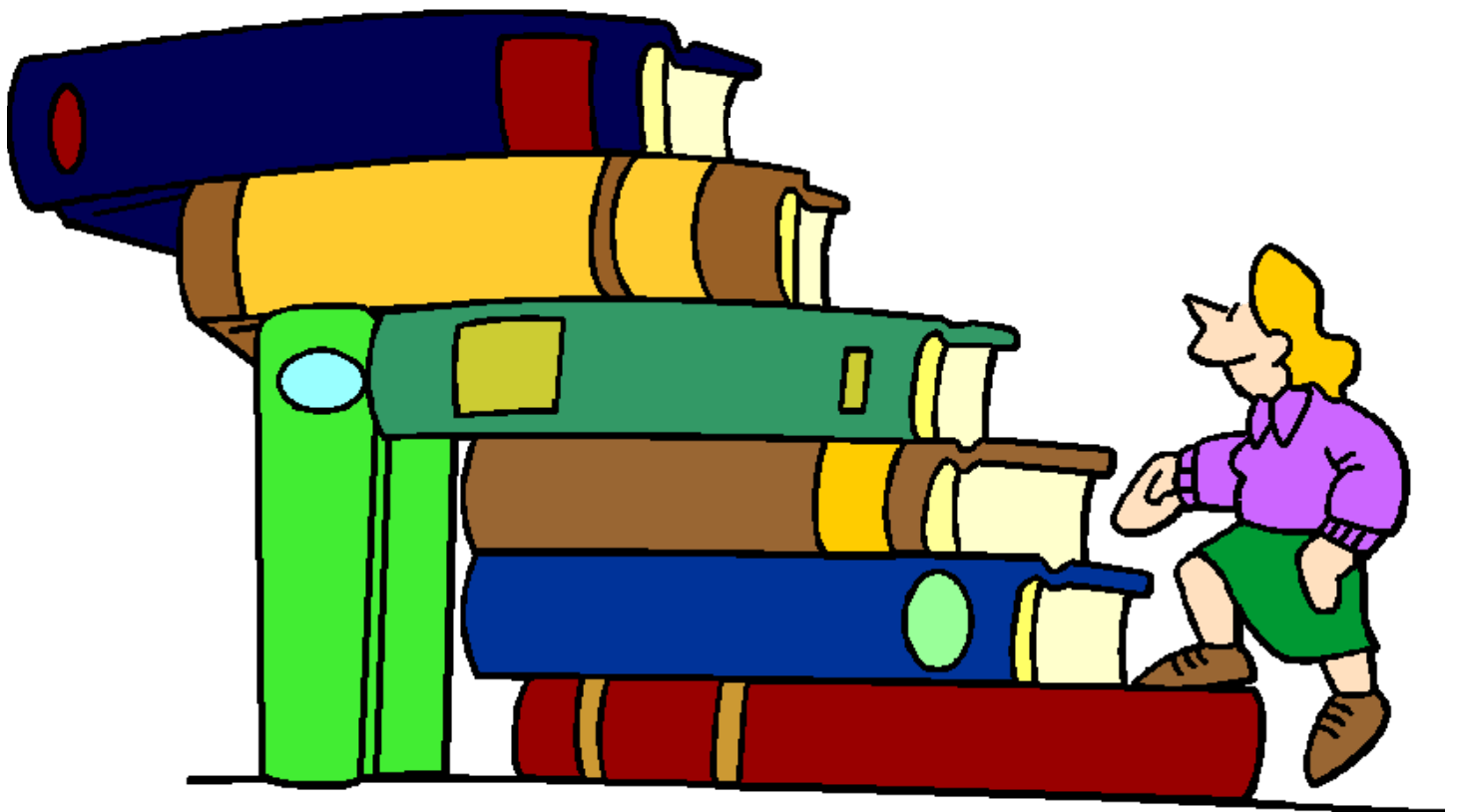




YEAR 8 EXAMS REVISION GUIDE



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Year 8 Exams

These exams are very important to your academic achievement at Grey Court School. They allow us as a school to accurately judge the amount of progress you have made since starting at Grey Court. You should see these exams as a possibility to display your talents. You can demonstrate not only the knowledge that you have acquired but the different range of skills that you have been working hard to develop. On your journey to 2012 you will sit many exams and it is important that your attitude and behaviour are exceptional so as to lay the foundations for the most important exams of 2012 your GCSE's.

All students will follow a normal timetable, going to the same classrooms and having the same break time and lunchtime. In this booklet is your exam timetable so you will know what exams you will be sitting and what equipment you will need to bring. Exams will be administered by your own subject teachers. For example on Monday period 3 all of A band will be sitting their Spanish exams in their Maths classrooms with their Maths teachers. Your teacher will be performing the same role as an external invigilator and will not answer questions relating to the actual exam.

I realise that this will be a very tiring and perhaps stressful week but you should not worry. I have enclosed revision guides and advice on how to revise and how to prepare yourself both mentally and physically for the examinations. Be sure to eat breakfast it will allow you to remain concentrated and focused during the morning exams. Just like with public exams you will be allowed to drink water and this will help you to stay relaxed and keep your brain working at full capacity while you do your tests.

You will notice that both ICT and DT do not have exam preparation pages assigned to them. Both subjects will have key assessments during their normal timetabled lessons which will be marked to national curriculum guidelines. Students should come equipped as normal. Pupils do not have to revise for these exams.

Finally, the best way to manage any anxiety and worrying is to ensure that you are prepared to the best of your ability.

- Don't leave things to the last minute.
- Plan a revision timetable and stick to it.
- Speak to your teachers if there is a topic you do not understand

At all times try to remember that this is where your hard work pays off and you can show just how dedicated you have been. You have the chance to prove just how much you have learned and how much you have progressed.

Good Luck.

Mr C. Rhodes
Acting Head of Year 8

REVISION GUIDELINES

Revision skills are very important and learning how to revise will be a skill you will need to call on time after time. Here is a basic set of guidelines to help you.

- Make sure you are clear what it is that you need to revise. If you are unsure then make sure that you ask your teacher.
- Revision should be done little and often; the best way to revise is to spend 20 minutes revising a subject.
- You must create a nice, quiet space to revise, somewhere where you can leave your revision materials out and have everything that you need at hand.
- Don't waste your time writing and re-writing your notes; use the time to make revision cards that have the key information in bullet points.
- Eat a balanced diet, drink lots of water, do gentle exercise and sleep well.
- Be organised and make sure that you have the equipment that you need.

EXAM RULES AND CONDUCT

Good exam behaviour is essential. Poor behaviour in exams can lead to you failing your exam; not just the one that you are in but in all of your exams. An exam situation is very different from a classroom and the way in which we behave for exams has to be thought about very carefully. You should follow these exam behaviour guidelines;

NO TALKING OR COMMUNICATING – In the exam room there must be NO communication with other students; this includes talking, eye contact, hand signal, laughing, notes and whistling.

NO MOBILE TELEPHONES – All mobiles must be switched off and left in your school bag. If you get a mobile phone out in an exam you will be disqualified.

ARRIVE ON TIME AND RESPONSIBLY- As you go through the school, exams have specific times they need to start. It is important that you arrive in plenty of time and then wait for the exam maturely and quietly. If you are late you can be disqualified from the exam. If your exam is taking place in a classroom then you must line up quietly in a row, waiting for your teacher to direct you to your allocated seat.

GOING TO THE TOILET – You should ensure that you have been to the toilet before the exam. You are not allowed to leave the exam without supervision.

PENCIL CASES AND EQUIPMENT – You should place all of your equipment into a clear, see through pencil case or a plastic food bag. It should have in it: a pen, spare pen, pencil, pencil sharpener, rubber, ruler, compass and protractor.

CALCULATORS – For some exams, such as Maths and Science, you will need to have a calculator. You must bring this with you as they are not lent out.

EXAM TIMETABLE

	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5	Period 6
Monday 16 th March	IT 8a1 IT 8a2 All other classes normal lessons	ENGLISH	SPANISH	IT 8b1 All other classes normal lessons	ART 8b3 DRAMA 8b2 MUSIC 8b1 All other classes normal lessons	Normal lessons
Tuesday 17 th March	GEOGRAPHY	Normal lessons	Normal lessons	MATHS	Normal lessons	Religious Studies
Wednesday 18 th March	Normal lessons	Normal lessons	ART 8a2 DRAMA 8a1 MUSIC 8a3 All other classes normal lessons	ART 8a3 MUSIC 8a1 MUSIC 8a2 IT 8b2 All other classes normal lessons	HISTORY	FRENCH
Thursday 19 th March	DT a band ART 8b2 DRAMA 8b1 MUSIC 8b3	Normal lessons	SCIENCE	Normal lessons	ART 8b1 DRAMA 8b3 MUSIC 8b2 All other classes normal lessons	Normal lessons
Friday 20 th March	DT b band All other classes normal lessons	Normal lessons	IT 8b 8a3 All other classes normal lessons	Normal lessons	Normal lessons	DRAMA 8a3 8a2 ART 8a1 All other classes normal lessons

Year 8 Exam Preparation ENGLISH

What will the paper look like?	A longer and shorter writing task
What topics will the paper include?	Writing to describe: use of figurative language, paragraphing, varied sentence structure
What resources should I use to revise?	Examples of descriptive writing from English lessons.
Equipment needed	Pen
Length of paper	45 minutes
What day is the exam?	Monday 16 th March – period 2

Year 8 Exam Preparation MATHEMATICS

What will the paper look like?	15 - 18 questions Calculators will not be allowed
What topics will the paper include?	Fractions and percentages Equations Solving equations Angles Probability Algebra Using and understanding graphs
What resources should I use to revise?	Your Maths textbook Mymaths website www.mymaths.co.uk login: grey court password: cosine
Equipment needed	Pen Pencil Ruler
Length of paper	45 minutes
What day is the exam?	Tuesday 17 th March – period 4

Year 8 Exam Preparation SCIENCE

What will the paper look like?	11 questions
What topics will the paper include?	8B Respiration 9B Fit and healthy 8H Rock cycle 8G Rocks and weathering 8I Heating and cooling 8C Microbes and disease 8J Magnets and electromagnets
What resources should I use to revise?	BBC Bitesize SAM Learning KS3 Revision Guide
Equipment needed	Pen Pencil Ruler
Length of paper	45 minutes
What day is the exam?	Thursday 19 th March – period 3

Year 8 Exam Preparation Booklet ART

What will the paper look like?	The paper will ask you to draw a face using the correct proportions, expressive colour and lines (Students who cannot draw faces with notes from parents/guardians and will be given alternative material)
What topics will the paper include?	Line Proportion Colour mixing Background/Foreground Form
What resources should I use to revise?	Websites on drawing the head. Drawing your own head using a mirror. Mixing colours to create a range of Hues.
Equipment needed	Sketchbook (must be used in exam) Pencil Rubber Sharpener Ruler
Length of paper	45 minutes
What day is the exam?	8B3 Monday 16 th March – period 5 8A2 Wednesday 17 th March –period 3 8A3 Wednesday 17 th March –period 4 8B2 Thursday 19 th March – period 1 8B1 Thursday 19 th march – period5 8A1 Friday 20 th March – period 6

Year 8 Exam Preparation DRAMA

Drama – Classes taught by Ms Wharton

What will the paper look like?	Students will respond to a task in groups based on a topic covered this term. Time will be given to prepare during the week before and the class will be assessed the following week (Week starting 16 th March)
What topics will the paper include?	Soap opera Script work School events Responding to an unknown stimulus
What resources should I use to revise?	Work with your group in the lesson before the assessment to plan your work. Ensure you have a plan in mind in case one of your group is missing.
Equipment needed	The plan completed in previous lesson
Length of paper	1 lesson to prepare & 45 minutes (5 mins max for each group) to perform
What day is the exam?	8B2 Monday 16 th March – period 5 8A1 Wednesday 18 th March – period 3 8B1/8B3 Thursday 19 th March – period 5

Year 8 Exam Preparation DRAMA

Drama – Classes taught by Mr Millar and Mr Culhane

What will the paper look like?	Students will respond to a task in groups based on topic covered this term. Time will be given to prepare during the week before and the class will be assessed the following week (Week starting 16 th March)
What topics will the paper include?	Genre – soap opera Superstition Melodrama Semi Improvised group work Responding to an unknown stimulus
What resources should I use to revise?	Work with your group in the lesson before the assessment to plan your work. Ensure you have a plan in mind in case one of your group is missing. Watch Corry/Eastenders/Emerdale to get ideas for your drama
Equipment needed	The plan completed in previous lesson
Length of paper	1 lesson to prepare & 45 minutes (5 mins max for each group) to perform
What day is the exam?	8A2/8A3 Friday 20 th March – period 6

Year 8 Exam Preparation FRENCH

What will the paper look like?	The exam will consist of 2 parts, Reading & Writing which will be done at the allotted time on the timetable, & Listening, which will be done in class the following week
What topics will the paper include?	<u>Listening and Reading</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Friends- Body parts & illness- Going to the chemist- Meals- Shopping for food <u>Writing</u> <p>Describing yourself & your family</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Your daily routine- Saying what eat for breakfast/lunch & giving opinions about food- Describing what you did last weekend- Describing what you are going to do this weekend.
What resources should I use to revise?	You should revise vocabulary from Modules 3 & 4. Your teacher will give you word lists.
Equipment needed	Pen Pencil
Length of paper	45 minutes
What day is the exam?	Wednesday 18 th March – period 6

Year 8 Exam Preparation GEOGRAPHY

What will the paper look like?	10 questions
What topics will the paper include?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Latitude and Longitude• Human and Physical features• Primary, secondary and tertiary economic activities• Volcanoes• Earthquakes (including Kobe)
What resources should I use to revise?	Exercise books
Equipment needed	Pen Pencil Ruler
Length of paper	45 minutes
What day is the exam?	Tuesday 17 March – period 1

Year 8 Exam Preparation HISTORY

What will the paper look like?	10 questions and source based questions
What topics will the paper include?	English Civil War
What resources should I use to revise?	Revision sheet will be provided
Equipment needed	Pen Pencil Ruler
Length of paper	45 minutes
What day is the exam?	Wednesday 18 March – period 5

Year 8 Exam Preparation MUSIC

Music. Class taught by Ms Cook

What will the paper look like?	Students will answer a mixture of questions based on several examples of music covering all the areas studied since the start of the year. Listening & keywords/terms
What topics will the paper include?	Music theory – the elements/note-values Listening – -Blues -Aural dictation of rhythm patterns
What resources should I use to revise?	Music books. Your notes from lessons.
Equipment needed	Pen Pencil & Eraser Ruler
Length of paper	45 minutes
What day is the exam?	8a1 – Wednesday 18 th March – period 4

Year 8 Exam Preparation MUSIC

Music class taught by Mr Millar

What will the paper look like?	Students will answer a mixture of questions based on several examples of music covering all the areas studied since the start of the year. Listening & keywords/terms
What topics will the paper include?	Music theory – the elements & notes Listening – Blues Jazz Rock and Roll 60's Rock (Beatles) Punk Rock New Wave Dance music
What resources should I use to revise?	“you tube” to watch/listen to any groups or bands covered in the list above and in class. Your notes from lessons – esp from the start of term
Equipment needed	Pen Pencil & Eraser Ruler
Length of paper	45 minutes
What day is the exam?	8B1, Monday 16 th March – period 5 8A3,8A2, Wednesday 18 th March – period 4 8B3 – Thursday 19 th March - period 1 8B2 Thursday 19 th March – period 5

Year 8 Exam Preparation RELIGIOUS STUDIES

What will the paper look like?	14 questions in total, divided between 5 sections. The questions are a mix of factual knowledge and reflection of events which have happened in your own life.
What topics will the paper include?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Religious Symbols - The Life of Abraham - The teachings of Jesus including knowledge of different parables, the beatitudes and the Sermon on the Mount. - The Life of the Buddha, and the Buddha's teachings - The Branches of Christianity, including different denominations, Martin Luther's life, and Christian symbols
What resources should I use to revise?	<p>Exercise book</p> <p>BBC Bitesize website</p>
Equipment needed	<p>Pen</p> <p>Pencil</p>
Length of paper	45 minutes
What day is the exam?	Tuesday 17 th March – period 6

Year 8 Exam Preparation SPANISH

Mr Rhodes

What will the paper look like?	One section on reading questions and another on writing. Twenty minutes for each.
What topics will the paper include?	Introductions Numbers Articles in class School Subjects – giving opinions Describing Teachers Talking about what we eat and drink Describing Family Talking about pets Describing appearance and personality – likes and dislikes
What resources should I use to revise?	Students will be given summary sheets containing all vocabulary covered in the first 3 modules.
Equipment needed	Pen, Pencil and Ruler.
Length of paper	45 minutes
What day is the exam?	Monday 16 th March – period 3