

# Year 9

# Test Week

## April 2020



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Dear Parent/Carer

### Year 9 Test Week, April 2020

Year 9 students will be sitting tests in the Sports Hall from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Students will attend school as normal during the test period and follow their normal timetable when not sitting exams. These tests are in the English Baccalaureate subjects. In Year 10, they will take tests in all of their subjects in the Sports Hall.

The tests provide us with important evidence of attainment and give students the experience of sitting exams in the environment where they will take most of their GCSE exams in two years' time. It is vital therefore that these exams are taken seriously and that the students plan a revision timetable in preparation. If your child needs any support with this, please ask them to speak to their tutor.

Please note students must not wear watches (including Apple watches, fitbits etc) during this assessment period. Therefore, please ensure that they are not brought to school during this time as we cannot be responsible for any loss or damage whilst exams are taking place.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Start Time</b>	<b>Finish Time</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Venue</b>
Monday 20 April	8.55 am	9.40 am	English	Sports Hall
	11.30 am	12.30 pm	Maths (Paper 1)	Sports Hall
Tuesday 21 April	8.55 am	9.45 am	French	Sports Hall
	11.30 am	12.15 pm	History	Sports Hall
Wednesday 22 April	8.55 am	9.45 am	German	Sports Hall
	11.30 am	12.30 pm	Geography	Sports Hall
Thursday 23 April	8.55 am	9.45 am	Spanish	Sports Hall
	11.30 am	12.30 pm	Maths (Paper 2)	Sports Hall

## English

### Details of exam

45 minute exam

Topic: *An Inspector Calls*

Students will receive a single essay question for *An Inspector Calls* – they will need to write a response to the question, using their knowledge of the play. This is a closed book exam (students will not have access to copies of the text), so it is imperative that students revise carefully.

### Skills assessed:

- ♦ The ability to read and understand key ideas in the play.
- ♦ The ability to develop a personal response to the play.
- ♦ The use of quotations to support student responses.
- ♦ The analysis of language, form and structure to support personal response.
- ♦ The use of relevant contexts or ideas about the playwright's message to inform personal response.

### Revision tips / websites / guides:

The best resource is a student's own book as this will have lessons on each of the above skills. There will also be a small revision pack on Show My Homework to support independent preparation for exam.

Other useful sources include:

- ♦ BBC Bitesize
- ♦ Mr Bruff channel on Youtube
- ♦ York Notes workbook and guide to *An Inspector Calls*, available from Waterstones and on Amazon
- ♦ A copy of the play itself: *An Inspector Calls* by J B Priestley

Students are advised to spend time making revision resources about key themes and characters in the play; memorising important quotations and ensuring they are confident writing about the play's two significant contexts: 1912 and 1945 and the writer's message.

### Equipment required

Black pen and possibly a highlighter for highlighting key words in the question.

## French, German & Spanish

### Details of exam

**I am** doing German, French or Spanish next year :

Your test will be 50 minutes long and you will do a writing exam.

Describe a picture - 4 sentences

Translation into English

90 word task.

**I am not** doing a language next year :

Your test will be 50 minutes long and you will do a **really big vocab challenge**.

When you complete this you will be given a percentage score and based on this will be awarded a gold, silver or bronze certificate for your knowledge of the language.

### Topics covered

**I am** doing German, French or Spanish next year :

The test will be on the two modules studied this year in your class.

**I am not** doing a language next year :

The test will be on vocabulary which you have learnt over the last 3 years.

### Revision tips / websites / guides

- ◆ The CGP KS3 study guide or GCSE revision guide for French, German and Spanish.
- ◆ Archive learn—do your own activities
- ◆ Memorise / Quizlet
- ◆ Vocabulary handed out in class

### Equipment required

Black pen.

# Geography

## Details of exam

The exam will be one hour in length and structured like a GCSE paper. Students will be expected to answer all questions. Question structure may include data or map interpretation whereby the student will be expected to describe and explain key trends. Students will also be expected to answer questions of up to nine marks in length which will involve in depth prose responses. It is advisable to name places where possible and to use data from graphs to support answers.

## Topics covered

Natural Hazards - Types of plate boundaries, layers of the earth, types of crust. Why do earthquakes happen? An example of an earthquake (eg. Kobe) - impacts and responses. Living with volcanoes

Climate Change - What is climate change? What is global warming? What are the natural causes / what are the human causes? What is it like to live in Tuvalu? What will the impacts be for the UK? How can we reduce the impact through adaptation and mitigation. What does it mean to think globally and act locally

## Revision tips / websites / guides

Revision has been set using the education site 'Seneca'. An access code has been shared on Showmyhomework. Students are expected to use this site, which will be monitored. It will be treated as homework, so if pupils have not completed at least 2 hours before the exam, they will be treated as having not done the homework.

## Equipment required

Black pen, pencil, ruler, calculator, protractor and a pair of compasses.

## History

### Details of exam

The exam is split in to two sections and lasts 45 mins.

Section 1 is factual knowledge. This will consist of short factual knowledge questions on the WW1 and Treaty of Versailles topics. Students are advised to spend 25 minutes on this section.

Section 2 is extended writing in response to a GCSE question. This question will be on the life in Nazi Germany topic and students will need to write a 3 paragraph response to an 'explain why...' question. Students are advised to spend 20 minutes on this section.

### Topics covered

WW1

Treaty of Versailles

Life in Nazi Germany

### Revision tips / websites / guides

Work in students' exercise books should have all topic areas covered.

Additionally, the KS3 section of the BBC Bitesize website will be useful, especially these pages:

WW1 and Treaty of Versailles

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/topics/z4crd2p>

Life in Nazi Germany

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/topics/zfnp34j/resources/1>

### Equipment required

Black pen

# Maths

## Details of exam

Paper 1 - Non Calculator - 1 hour

Paper 2 - Calculator - 1 hour

## Topics covered

Students will be tested on all the topics they have studied this year.

- ♦ Area and volume
- ♦ Sequences
- ♦ Integers powers and roots
- ♦ Statistics
- ♦ Lines angles and shapes
- ♦ Algebra

Students may also be tested on knowledge from previous years.

## Revision tips / websites / guides

To succeed in Maths you need to practise. The following websites may be useful when revising:

- ♦ [www.mymaths.co.uk](http://www.mymaths.co.uk) Login: southwolds Password: reflex
- ♦ seneca learning
- ♦ corbett maths to the useful websites

## Equipment required

Black pen, pencil, ruler, scientific calculator, pair of compasses and a protractor.