

Great Sankey High School
Year 8 Autumn Assessments



Section 1: Assessment Timetable

Date	Lesson	Class	Subject
Monday 13th November	P5	8x1/8x2/8x3/8x4	Maths*
Tuesday 14th November	P2	8w1/8w2/8w3/8w4	Maths*
Tuesday 14th November	P3	8y1-4 8z 1-4	Maths*
Wednesday 15th November	P4	All	English
Thursday 16th November	P3	All	History
Friday 17th November	P1	All	French
Monday 20th November	P2	All	Science
Tuesday 21st November	P2	All	Spanish
Wednesday 22nd November	P3	All	RS
Thursday 23rd November	P5	All	Geography

*Please note that students will only sit one Maths assessment, please check your child's class on their timetable to verify which period they are due to sit the test.

Section 2: Subject revision lists

<u>Year 8 English</u> <u>Autumn 2023</u>	
Topics to revise	<p>Year 7: Crafting Characters</p> <p><i>You will be asked to write a short narrative using an image as a stimulus for your writing.</i></p> <p>As part of the narrative piece of writing, you will want to consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Characterisation and narrative perspective (1st/3rd person)• Using a variety of sentence starters (verb beginning, paired adjectives, emotion word, comma)• Using ambitious vocabulary (e.g., precise nouns – <i>oak</i> instead of a <i>tree</i>; ambitious synonyms – <i>petrified</i> instead of <i>scared</i>)• Using a variety of punctuation (e.g., semi-colons, dashes, speech marks, exclamation marks, etc.)• Using figurative language <p>Year 8: When the Sky Falls by Phil Earle</p> <p><i>You will be asked to answer questions on an extract from <i>When the Sky Falls</i> to show your understanding of the text including: narrative perspective, characterisation and how a writer uses language and structure for effect.</i></p>
Revision Resources	<p>Copy of <i>When the Sky Falls</i> by Phil Earle</p> <p>Useful Links</p> <p>https://files.schudio.com/great-sankey-high-school/files/KnowledgeOrganiser/Autumn23/Year 8 KO Autumn 23.pdf</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/ztdmtyc/revision/1</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p0bnlq0z</p> <p>https://classroom.thenational.academy/units/language-skills-fiction-reading-52c6</p> <p>https://classroom.thenational.academy/units/grammar-for-writing-c6</p>

Year 8 Science Autumn 2023

Topics to revise	<p>From the Year 8 course so far:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health and Lifestyle Biology Unit• Separating Techniques Chemistry Unit• Periodic Table Chemistry Unit <p>Then from Year 7 there may be questions on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Light• Reproduction• Acid and Alkalis• Working Scientifically (e.g., Identifying variables, suggesting improvements to experiments, interpreting practical data, analysing graphs)
Revision Resources	<p>Health and Lifestyle Biology Unit https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zf339j6</p> <p>Separating Techniques Chemistry Unit https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zych6g8</p> <p>Periodic Table Chemistry Unit https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zv9nhcw</p> <p>Light https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zw982hv</p> <p>Reproduction https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zybbkqt</p> <p>Acid and Alkalis https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zn6hvcw</p> <p>There are also many resources and the links to the textbooks on www.kerboodle.com (you will need your log in that you were given last year, your teacher can tell you this if you are unsure)</p>

Year 8 - Mathematics

Autumn 2023

Topics to revise	<p>MARKS AVAILABLE – 50 marks</p> <p>You are to revise everything in Unit 1 – Ratio and proportion and Unit 2 – Collecting, representing and analysing data. There will also be questions on topics taught in Year 7, these are listed below.</p> <p>You will need full equipment for the assessment. This is a blue or black pen, a pencil, a ruler, a protractor and a calculator.</p> <p>YOU MUST PROVIDE ALL YOUR OWN EQUIPMENT FOR THE ASSESSMENT SO GET ORGANISED IN PLENTY OF TIME.</p> <p><u>Here are the topics (all taught this term) worth 80% of the marks:</u></p> <p>Calculating mean, median, mode and range Estimating the mean from a grouped frequency table Bar Charts, including composite Pie charts Time series Simplifying Ratio Writing ratio in form n:1 and 1:n Sharing in a ratio Linking proportion (fractions) and ratio Proportion in recipe questions</p> <p><u>Retrieval topics (taught in Year 7) worth 20% of the marks:</u></p> <p><i>Using a calculator</i> <i>Rounding to decimal places</i> <i>Simplifying algebraic expressions (collecting like terms)</i> <i>Solving equations</i> <i>Perimeter and area of rectangles</i> <i>Basic angle facts</i></p>
Revision Resources	<p>Use videos on Sparxmaths and your book to support your learning in preparation for this assessment.</p> <p>You may also find BBC Bitesize useful: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zqhs34j</p>

Year 8 Religious Studies

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Topics to revise	<p>Retrieval topics from year 7 will include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. What it means to be part of a community<ul style="list-style-type: none">- What is a community- What unites and divides a community- Rights and responsibilities- Who is my neighbour- What can we learn from religious communities 2. Christianity<ul style="list-style-type: none">- How did Christianity begin- Who is Jesus- What is the Bible- What are different Christian denominations?- Key festivals in Christianity- What does it mean to be part of the Christian community <p>Year 8 topics</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Who are good role models<ul style="list-style-type: none">- (Gandhi, Rosa Parkes, Martin Luther King, Emmeline Pankhurst, Oscar Romero, Greta Thunberg).- Qualities of an inspirational person
Revision Resources	<p>Your religious studies exercise book</p> <p>Online knowledge organisers</p> <p>BBC bitesize</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z4tb4wx/articles/zk4fxyc</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zjkj382/articles/z4fwy9g</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zd8fv9q/articles/zh7kdxs</p>

Year 8 Geography

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Topics to revise	<p>Retrieval topics from year 7 will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Environmental issues – deforestation, urbanisation, coral bleaching• Climate change – the natural and human causes• Effects of climate change• Tropical rainforest – location, climate and layers• The Water Cycle – keywords and processes• Keywords – weather, climate <p>Year 8 Topics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tourism – different types of tourism and the impacts (positive and negative)• Tourism Life Cycle Model• Extreme tourism• Ecotourism• Types of coastline• Different types of waves and what impacts the size
Revision Resources	<p>Your geography book Online knowledge organisers</p> <p>BBC Bitesize https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zcmfb9g https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zx38q6f/articles/zqnb3j6 https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/ztgw2hv/articles/zppthcw</p>

Year 8 Subject History

Autumn 2023

Topics to revise	How did William the Conqueror control England? Why did the Spanish Armada fail? How did Elizabeth I use her image? What problems did Elizabeth face as a Queen?
Revisions	How did William the Conqueror control England? https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/history-ks3-ks4-1066/zm3m382 Why did the Spanish Armada fail? https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zqcn4i6/revision/5 How did Elizabeth I use her image? https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zy3x39q/revision/3#:~:text=Elizabeth%20understood%20the%20need%20to,the%20'cult%20of%20Gloriana'.&text=To%20those%20who%20served%20her,her%20father%20Henry%20VIII's%20attitude. What problems did Elizabeth face as a Queen? https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zqt9xsg/revision/1#:~:text=Elizabeth%20came%20to%20power%20in,%20Mary%20I%20had%20died

Year 8 Spanish

Autumn 2023

Topics to revise

My Town:

- Be able to name and recognise different places in a town
- To say what activities there are to do in a town
- To use hay and no hay to say what there is/isn't in a town
- To recognise and use directions in Spanish
- To talk about my future plans in my town and to say what I will do at the weekend

Food and Drink:

- To recall and recognise different foods and drinks in Spanish
- To recognise traditional Spanish foods

Revision Resources

Language Nut

Online Knowledge Organiser

Book

Revision sheets which we will complete in lesson

Year 8 French

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Topics to revise

Sports:

- Recalling sports in French
- Understanding the difference in french between jouer/faire (sports that we play and sports that we do)
- Recall different winter & summer sports
- Giving opinions on sports we currently do and sports we would like to do in the future

Holidays:

- Name different countries in French and holiday destinations
- Understand how to say and recognise different holiday activities

Revision Resources

Language Nut

Online Knowledge organiser

Book

Revision sheets which we will complete in lessons

Get organised!

- Put the assessment dates in your calendar on your phone.
- Make a realistic revision timetable:
 - About 30 minutes per day
 - Specific activities to learn specific things e.g. flash cards to remember definitions of key words about Power in History.
- Have your books, knowledge organisers and other revision resources ready.

Be active!

Making your notes look pretty is a nice thing to do, but that alone won't help you learn. You need to do something active with the information you're trying to remember.

The best active revision techniques:

- Make good flashcards: Click [here](#) and [here](#) for more information
- Use a graphic organiser: Click [here](#) for more information and templates
- Some expert advice [here](#)
- Test yourself – it takes effort to remember something, and this helps to strengthen your memory. Test with your friends. Give your notes to someone at home and get them to test you!

Top tips!

- **Help yourself:** Make a dedicated revision space, studying in tidy surroundings will help you concentrate. If you can't do this at home, you can use the library after school every day of the week.
- **Challenge yourself:** people spend too much time revising what they know because it feels comfortable. Concentrate on the topics you struggle with first, it's harder, but worth it.
- **Reward yourself:** do something you really enjoy after revising. This will help motivate you to get it done!
- **Relax:** Feeling anxious? Follow this [link](#) for some expert advice or speak to your teachers. Please don't worry in silence!