

Year 8 Assessment Week - Week beginning 9th November 2026 - Subject Specific Guidance

Please read the details for each subject carefully to ensure you are fully prepared for the Assessment Week.

Subject	Assessment	Revision Strategies for this Assessment
English	Persuasive writing inspired by the environment. Students will be marked on their content, organisation and ability to construct their grammar; they will then receive an overall percentage. Analytical writing where they are given an extract and asked how tension is built throughout the novel. They will construct WHAT HOW WHY paragraphs to show they understand how to form an argument, support it with evidence, make inferences and build on previous targets. They will then receive an overall percentage.	Everything we do in lesson will build up to each assessment. They may take their exercise books home with them to look over what we have covered in class and remind themselves of the success criteria. They can use the knowledge organiser and revise the key concepts to ensure they are prepared for their assessment. Other possible options are to practise writing analytically/descriptively by hitting a previous target from their book. In addition to this, they must be completing their weekly reading homework to ensure their comprehension is improving.
Maths	The Year 8 Maths Assessment will be one paper, 45 minutes long. Students will have a yellow sheet in their books containing the list of topics that will be on the assessment. Students will have homework set on MathsWatch to support their revision. Equipment needed for the assessment: pen, pencil, ruler and rubber.	Complete the MathsWatch homework. If you struggle with any of the topics while you are revising, look at your notes and examples in your Maths book. Or you can watch the relevant video on MathsWatch. You can pause the clip to make notes or do any questions asked, then restart the clip to mark your work. If you finish the MathsWatch task you can do more revision on Dr Frost, use the codes on your yellow sheet to find the relevant topics. If you are unsure ask your maths teacher. If you need further help with any topics on your revision, come to 002 at 1240 during Wednesday lunch, there will be a Maths teacher there to support you.
Science	The Year 8 Science assessment will be 45 minutes long and will take place in Science lessons; your child's teachers will let them know which lesson they will use for the assessment. Students will be assessed on the following topics: • Biology - B2.1 Health and Lifestyle • Chemistry - C2.1 The Periodic Table Students can use Educake revision resources and Kerboodle Oxford Smart Activate 2 textbook to revise. More details to be given on Bromcom.	Prepare for the assessment by using your own notes, Educake revision resources and the online Kerboodle textbook Biology will include B2.1 Health and Lifestyle; • Nutrients • Food tests • Diet • Digestive system including enzymes and bacteria • Drugs including alcohol and smoking Chemistry will include C2.1 Periodic table; • Physical properties of metals and non-metals • Chemical properties of metals and non-metals

		Groups and periods, in particular group 1 and 7 and 0
EPR	The EPR assessment is 45 minutes long. There will be questions on the lives of Abraham and Muhammad from the current topic 'Where can wisdom be found for young people today part 2?' Section 1: 10 questions assessing knowledge of key words and definitions. Section 2: Four short answer questions worth 3 marks each assessing knowledge and understanding. Section 3: One longer answer question worth 8 marks for content and 3 marks for written communication. This will assess understanding and evaluation.	Revision materials can be found in the knowledge organiser. Students should start by learning the spellings and definitions of key words using the 'look, cover, write check method.' Students should then learn a section of the knowledge organiser at a time using retrieval techniques such as brain dumping and 'tell the story of.'
Geography	Year 8 Geography Assessment: 40 minutes long (40 marks) 25 marks will be based on Year 8 learning (plate tectonics, earthquakes and volcanoes) 15 marks will assess geographical skills with resources based on the Y7 topics of: - Sustainability - Urban regeneration (Kelham Island). - Challenges facing different continents on planet earth such as wildfires and deforestation. - OS map skills	For revision, you can use: - Your Year 8 exercise books - Kerboodle Geog.3 pages 88-95 will help with Plate Tectonics - Kerboodle Geog.1 pages 30-39 will help with OS Map Skills For advice on different revision techniques you can use for geography, go to the Internet Geography website https://www.internetgeography.net/revision/ Here you will find advice about how to plan your revision as well as techniques such as flash cards and mind maps.
History	- The assessment will last 45 minutes and be worth a total of 40 marks. - It will include questions from Year 7 topics (the Roman Empire and the British Empire) and the current Year 8 topic, Fight for Power (medieval unit only). - No notes or books are allowed in the assessment.	- Students will be issued with a revision guide and will also complete a revision lesson and a revision homework linked to the revision guide, encouraging them to employ different revision techniques prior to the assessment. - There are more details about the types of questions students will face on the front cover of the revision guide.

MFL	The Year 8 MFL Assessment will last 45 minutes and covers: • Listening • Reading • Writing and translation from English into the Target language	The papers cover topics studied in Year 7 and throughout Year 8 so far. Exercise books and homework booklets (which contain revision guidance and extra revision exercises) should be used to support revision and MFL teachers will send out the revision power point to their classes. There are also power points on the Learning platform in the individual language folders which may help. Useful websites include: • https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/mfl • https://quizlet.com • https://conjuguemos.com
PE	There will be no formal assessment in PE.	
Music	The music assessment grade for this track will be for two pieces of NEA in line with the GCSE assessment structure. Pupils will be assessed on their Ground Bass composition and a short solo performance. Pupils will work on their NEA in lessons and be assessed at the end of each project.	Pupils are welcome to attend composition club on Tuesday lunchtimes in 118 if they would like some extra support/time on their composition. Pupils are also able to use the music department outside of lesson time to practise for their performing if they would like to.
Drama	In Drama students will be assessed on a performance before assessment week which will be marked out of 15. During assessment week, students will have a 40-minute assessment marked out of 15. The assessment is based on an extract of text that students have been studying. The questions will focus on how an actor, director and designer each interpret text to communicate meaning.	There will be a revision homework task set before the assessment, that will provide guidance and support to prepare for the assessment week.
Engineering	The Y8 assessment will be completed online and will include a section of multiple-choice questions, a section of functional maths questions, and a section on manufacturing. The final question will be an extended exam-style written response, similar to what students will experience at GCSE. Revision materials will be provided at least one month before the assessment (see Bromcom)	Use your knowledge checker to make notes and flashcards, practise the maths questions by showing your working, revise manufacturing processes with flow charts and examples, and try at least one timed extended response using DT keywords.
Product Design	The Y8 assessment will be completed online and will include a section of multiple-choice questions, a section of functional maths questions, and a section on manufacturing. The final question will be an extended exam-style written response, similar to what students will experience at GCSE. Revision materials will be provided at least one month before the assessment (see Bromcom)	Use your knowledge checker to make notes and flashcards, practise the maths questions by showing your working, revise manufacturing processes with flow charts and examples, and try at least one timed extended response using DT keywords.
Textiles	In Textiles students have been working on basic sewing machine skills and have started the research and development stage of their Pop Art bag project. The Year 8 assessment will	

	assess the work completed so far this year. During assessment week or just before students will have a designated improvement and reflection lesson which will allow for completion and improvement of work before the teacher marks the work to give a percentage. There is no revision required but students should ensure that they have completed their mood board homework, and it is stuck in their booklet.	
Food	There will be a 45 minute written assessment. It will cover the following topics - food safety and hygiene, where food comes from, macro and micronutrients and kitchen equipment.	Knowledge organisers will be given to students for revision 4 weeks before the assessment. Students will use information on Classcharts to complete the sections on the revision material. This will be checked after 2 weeks and questions can be asked. Students will then have a further 2 weeks to complete the rest. They will bring their revision sheet on the day of the exam and this work will go into their books.
Computer Science	Year 8 Computer Science Assessment will be 45 minutes long. Completed in lessons and online. Questions will be multi choice questions, short typed answers and extended typed answers. You will be assessed on: Y7 Collaborating online • Y7 Computational thinking • Y7 Computer Systems - Internet to Semaphore • Y7 Scratch • Y8 Physical Computing with Microbits A revision guide and glossary can be found on Bromcom.	There is a glossary on Bromcom. Use this to help you recap your learning from Y7 & Y8. All of the topics on this document will be in your assessment in November. This document also contains information about how to revise for Computer Science. There are also some links on Bromcom on BBC bitesize for additional revision content: <u>KS3 Computer Science - BBC Bitesize</u> <u>KS3 ICT - BBC Bitesize</u> Student can also access their Microbit workbook on One Drive from home for additional revision
Art	In Art students have been working on their Mechanical objects project based around pattern and complementary colours. For the Year 8 assessment students will be assessed on the work they have completed so far this year. During assessment week or just before, students will have a designated improvement and reflection lesson which will allow them to complete work and act on feedback to improve. Work will then be assessed by the teacher to give a percentage. There is no revision required for art, but students should ensure that homework is complete and presented neatly in their sketchbook.	
Personal Development	There will be a 30-minute assessment completed in lessons. This will consist of short answer knowledge-based questions about Equality and Diversity. This will include the topics of the Equality Act, Sexuality and Gender Reassignment. Students will receive a knowledge organiser to complete for homework as a revision aid for the assessment.	Use the knowledge organiser to create flashcard of key terms and knowledge