

2nd May 2025

Dear parents and carers

End of year examinations.

I am writing to inform you of the scheduled dates for the end of year examinations. For years 7 to 9, examinations will take place from **Monday 19th May to Friday 6th June**.

For pupils in years 7 to 9 there is an incremental approach with the number of exams increasing each year. The table below indicates the examinable subjects for each year and the location of exams. For subjects in years 7, 8 and 9 without formal exams, continuous assessment will take place as normal for the summer 1 half term. For progression purposes only, I have included the year 10 examinations to show how the incremental approach builds to a full suite of examinations in year 10.

Year Group	End of year Exams	Classroom	Exam hall/exam room	
7	English and Maths	English and Maths	None	
8	English, Maths and Science	English, Maths and Science	None	
9	English, Maths, Science and Religious studies	English, Maths and Science	Religious Studies	
10	All subjects	Art and Photography	English Maths Science Computing PE MFL	Geography History Music Design Technology Hospitality and catering Drama

Alongside this letter I have attached the revision information for each year group and important information on how to prepare and support your child during the examination period. Pupils will receive a hard copy of the revision guidance and it has also been posted on Satchel one so hyperlinks can be accessed.

Yours faithfully,



Mr P Carter

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End of Year 7 Examinations

Examination timetable

	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5	Period 6
Mon 19th May	7x English					
Tues 20th May		7z English			7y English	
Wed 21st May		7x Maths	7y Maths		7z Maths	
Thurs 22nd May						
Fri 23rd May						
Mon 2nd June	7x English					
Tues 3rd June		7z English			7y English	
Wed 4th June						
Thurs 5th June						
Fri 6th June	7y Maths		7z Maths	7x Maths		

Examination content and revision materials

	English	Maths
Length of exam	45 mins per paper	45 mins per paper
Exam/ Assessment content	<p>Reading – You will be asked to read some short pieces of fiction and answer questions on them. Some will be short answers; some will be longer, using analytical paragraphs.</p> <p>Writing – You will be asked to write an adventure story</p>	<p>All Classes Rounding to the nearest 10, 100, 1000 Rounding to decimal places Rounding to significant figures Factors, multiples and prime numbers Product of primes Add and subtract with negative numbers Using a calculator Equivalent fractions Fraction, decimal and percentage equivalence Adding and subtracting fractions Multiplying and dividing fractions</p> <p>Percentage increase and decrease Unit conversions Collecting like terms Solving one-step equations Solving two-step equations Area and circumference of a circle Area of triangles Proportion Averages and range Stem and leaf diagrams Bar charts Term-to-term rule of a sequence Finding the next term of a sequence</p> <p>Finding the nth term of a sequence Using the nth term Angles on a straight line Angles about a point Angles in quadrilaterals Angles in parallel lines Probability scale Calculating probabilities</p> <p>Addition topics for 7X1 / 7Y1 / 7Z1 Solving equations with unknowns on both sides Solving equations with brackets Forming expressions Area and perimeter of rectangles Frequency polygons Sample space diagrams</p>
Preparation / Revision required	<p>Reading - You will need to use your books to revise how to write analytical paragraphs</p> <p>Writing – You will need to use your books to revise: the narrative arc, ways to start a story, sentence types, show don't tell.</p>	<p>Look back your books to remind yourself of what you have done this year. Especially, your blue notebook which has lots of clear examples of work.</p> <p>How to access "Independent Learning" on Sparx Maths: Logging into Sparx-20230103_110459.mp4 <i>Practise your maths online and get instant feedback.</i></p> <p>How to use Corbett Maths: How to revise with CorbettMaths-20201118_094405.mp4 <i>Lots of videos, textbook exercises, exam-style questions and a "5-a-day" revision programme for you to do at home.</i></p> <p>How to use Maths Genie: How to revise with MathsGenie-20201118_094329.mp4 <i>Practise Edexcel Style Exam Questions. Exam Topics, Exam Papers, all with videos and solutions to support with revision for the Edexcel GCSE Maths Exam.</i></p> <p>"The best way to revise maths, is to "do" maths." <i>Attempt as many questions as you can and get the practise in, and reflect on what you got right/wrong and where you went right/wrong.</i></p>
Equipment needed	Black pen & highlighters	Black Pen Ruler Pencil Rubber Highlighter Scientific Calculator (for calculator paper)

Examination timetable

	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5	Period 6
Mon 19th May				8x English		
Tues 20th May			8y English			
Wed 21st May		8x Maths		8y 8z Maths		
Thurs 22nd May	8Z and 8Y Science	8z English 8X Science				
Fri 23rd May						
Mon 2nd June				8x English		
Tues 3rd June						
Wed 4th June		8x Maths		8y 8z Maths		
Thurs 5th June		8z English				
Fri 6th June		8y English				

Examination content and revision materials.

	English	Maths	Science
Length of exam	45 minutes	45 minutes	50 minutes
Exam/ Assessment content	<p>Reading – You will be asked to read some short pieces of detective fiction and answer questions on them. Some will be short answers; some will be longer, using analytical paragraphs.</p> <p>Writing – You will be asked to write a detective story</p>	<p>8X1 / 8Y1 / 8Z1 Simplify expressions Solving equations Substitution Angles Standard form conversions Money calculations Median, mean, and range Forming and solving equations Rounding Square numbers Scatter graphs Bearings Stem and leaf diagrams Midpoint of two numbers BIDMAS Use of a calculator Range, comparing data Mode and mean Frequency polygon Adding fractions Speed, distance, time Substitution Percentage of an amount Square and cube numbers Draw straight line graphs Standard form calculations Pythagoras Angles in polygons</p> <p>8X2 / 8Y2 / 8Z2 Forming and solving equations Scatter graphs Bearings Stem and leaf diagrams Standard form conversions Money calculations Rearranging (Changing the subject) Simplify expressions Solving equations Angles in polygons Indices rules Error Intervals Cumulative Frequency Time and money calculations Square and cube numbers Draw straight line graphs Standard form calculations Pythagoras Speed, distance, time Stratified sampling Box plots Naming graphs, gradient of a line Mean Trigonometry Speed, distance, time Use of a calculator</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Earth 1 Matter 2 Electromagnets 2 Organisms 2 Reactions 2 Energy 2 Genes 2 Forces 2
Preparation / Revision required	<p>Reading - You will need to use your books to revise how to write analytical paragraphs</p> <p>Writing – You will need to use your books to revise the work you have been doing on planning and structuring detective fiction. You will also need to revise a variety of sentences types and how to present direct speech.</p>	<p>Look back your books to remind yourself of what you have done this year. Especially, your blue notebook which has lots of clear examples of work. How to access “Independent Learning” on Sparx Maths: Logging into Sparx-20230103_110459.mp4 <i>Practise your maths online and get instant feedback.</i></p> <p>How to use Corbett Maths: How to revise with CorbettMaths-20201118_094405.mp4 <i>Lots of videos, textbook exercises, exam-style questions and a “5-a-day” revision programme for you to do at home.</i> How to use Maths Genie: How to revise with MathsGenie-20201118_094329.mp4 <i>Practise Edexcel Style Exam Questions. Exam Topics, Exam Papers, all with videos and solutions to support with revision for the Edexcel GCSE Maths Exam.</i></p> <p>“The best way to revise maths, is to “do” maths.” <i>Attempt as many questions as you can and get the practise in, and reflect on what you got right/wrong and where you went right/wrong.</i></p>	<p>Resources to revise from;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your books Knowledge organisers (in books and set as flexible task on Satchel one) Seneca Bitesize
Equipment needed	Black pen & highlighters	Black Pen Ruler Pencil	Rubber Highlighter Scientific Calculator (for calculator paper)
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			Rubber Highlighter Scientific Calculator

End of Year 9 Examinations

Examination timetable

	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5	Period 6
Mon 19th May						
Tues 20 th May			9y Maths	9x Maths	9z Maths	
Wed 21 st May		Y9 English (all)				
Thurs 22 nd May						
Fri 23 rd May					Y9 RS (all)	
Mon 2 nd June					9X and 9Z Science	9Y Science
Tues 3 rd June						
Wed 4 th June		Y9 English (all)				
Thurs 5 th June	9z Maths			9x Maths		9y Maths
Fri 6 th June						

Examination content and revision materials.

	English	Maths		Science	RS	
	45 minutes	60 minutes		50 minutes	50 minutes (In the Sports hall)	
Exam/ Assessment content	<p>Reading – You will be given a clean copy of one of the following poems and asked to write an analysis of it: Mametz Wood or Remains.</p> <p>Writing – You will be asked to write a short story based on a selection of titles you will receive in the exam.</p>	<p>9X1 / 9Y1 / 9Z1</p> <p>Fraction of an Amount Collecting Like Terms Simplifying Fractions Pictograms Bar Charts Ratio of an Amount Recurring Decimals to Fractions Percentage of an Amount Coordinates Solving Equations Involving Brackets Averages from a List Names of Shapes Measuring Angles Parallel Lines Faces and Vertices Expanding Brackets Factorising into Single Brackets Solving Equations with Variables on both Sides Scatter Graphs BIDMAS Combined and Reverse Mean Laws of Indices Fraction Operations Volume of Prisms Changing the Subject</p>	<p>9X2 / 9Y2 / 9Z2</p> <p>Rounding Numbers Estimation Standard Form – conversions and calculations Surds – simplifying and rationalising Indices – numerical, algebra, and changing of the base Substitution Factorising Quadratics Sequences – Linear and Quadratic Averages Fractions Ratios Scatter Graphs Pythagoras Trigonometry Volume of Shapes Graphs – Linear and non-linear Transformations Percentages Bounds</p>	<p>You will be assessed on the crossover content from KS3 to GCSE covered so far:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Cell Biology2. Transport between cells3. Atomic Structure4. Periodic Table	<p>Your exam will include one Religion</p> <p>Your Religions paper focuses on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Christianity• Christian Beliefs• Christian Practises <p>You will spend 50 minutes on your paper – 25 minutes on each section.</p> <p>*You will be tested on your Themes in lesson at a later date before the summer break.</p>	
	Preparation / Revision required	<p>Reading - You will need to use your books to revise how to write a poetry analysis. You will also need to revise the following for each of the poems named above: content, context, message, language, structure.</p> <p>Writing – You will need to use your books to revise the work you have done on story writing.</p>	<p>Look back your books to remind yourself of what you have done this year. Especially, your blue notebook which has lots of clear examples of work.</p> <p>How to access “Independent Learning” on Sparx Maths: Logging into Sparx-20230103 110459.mp4 <i>Practise your maths online and get instant feedback.</i></p> <p>How to use Corbett Maths: How to revise with CorbettMaths-20201118 094405.mp4 <i>Lots of videos, textbook exercises, exam-style questions and a “5-a-day” revision programme for you to do at home.</i></p> <p>How to use Maths Genie: How to revise with MathsGenie-20201118 094329.mp4 <i>Practise Edexcel Style Exam Questions. Exam Topics, Exam Papers, all with videos and solutions to support with revision for the Edexcel GCSE Maths Exam. “The best way to revise maths, is to “do” maths.” Attempt as many questions as you can and get the practise in, and reflect on what you got right/wrong and where you went right/wrong.</i></p>		<p>You should make sure you revise thoroughly for your exams using the following materials to help you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-CGP revision guides (available online or to buy from school)-Knowledge organisers-Senneca-Bitesize <p>Cell Biology and transport summary https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sdpmVQooYS4&t=8s</p> <p>Atomic structure and periodic table summary https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bgyuXU97jaI</p>	<p>You will be given detailed revision booklets that you will need to learn. You can use the voice recordings and videos on the school website</p> <p>https://www.lowtonhs.wigan.sch.uk/page/?title=GCSE+AQA+Religious+Studies+Revision+Recordings&pid=81</p> <p>You can also use your books and revise from your classwork.</p>
Equipment needed		Black pen & highlighters	Black Pen Ruler Pencil	Rubber Highlighter Scientific Calculator (for calculator paper)	Black Pen Ruler Pencil	Rubber Highlighter Scientific Calculator

Advice for pupils, parents and carers

Parents and carers

Lowton Church of England High School wants to make the examination experience as stress free and successful as possible for all pupils.

We know that you will want to help support your child during their end of year examinations and we appreciate that exam time can be stressful for the whole family.



The following tips may further help and support your child:

Encourage the rest of the family to help by not disturbing their revision

- Secure a quiet place for them to study.
- Encourage planned relaxation time.
- Praise their hard work.
- Emphasise the need for plenty of sleep.
- Check how they are doing by letting them explain something that they have learnt.
- Reading is unlikely to be enough in terms of revision. Encourage them to use the strategies shared on satchel one and during form time.
- Ask your child how they are feeling and how each of their exams has gone.

Pupils

Your well-being and exams

There is no right place to revise; you need to find where works for you. You might want to consider:

- **What distractions are there in your chosen place? Will they stop you from being productive? e.g. TV**
- **Do you work best when you have people around you to support you, for example a family member or a friend.**
- **Where can you work that will enable you to be able to focus in a quiet environment.**

Exams are stressful for everyone:

- **You won't be alone in feeling under pressure about your exams, many other students will feel the same**
- **A small amount of stress can be good for you - it can motivate you to do better and to focus.**

Ways to help yourself:

- **Go outside for exercise and fresh air.**
- **Set aside time to meet up with your friends when not revising.**
- **Give yourself relaxation time - this helps to maximise the time you then spend revising.**
- **Keep up with hobbies and activities that you enjoy.**
- **Eating and sleeping well can also help.**
- **Don't revise too late at night.**
- **Take adequate breaks.**
- **Talk about how you are feeling - this could be with people at home, a friend or a member of staff at school.**