

Shimna Integrated College



Winter Exams 2023
Year 8
Preparation Pack



Revision Hints and Tips

Revision tips

- Start your revision in good time
- Plan a revision timetable
- Highlight homework deadlines and exam dates and times
- Plan 30 minute or maximum of one hour slots for each subject
- Revise specific topics in a subject, not the whole subject
- Cover areas from each subject several times
- Only revise a couple of topics per evening
- Leave some time to relax

Try some of these to see which work best for you

- Online resources
- Flashcards
- Mind maps
- Record information and listen back
- Post it notes
- Time lines
- Use colour to write or highlight key words and ideas in your notes
- Work with a friend to help and test each other
- Revision booklets
- Music in the background can help
- Put mobile phones away! Don't waste time on social media

Being prepared for the exam

- You'll need a couple of pens, a sharpened pencil, a rubber, a ruler and protractor
- You might want to wear a watch in the exam

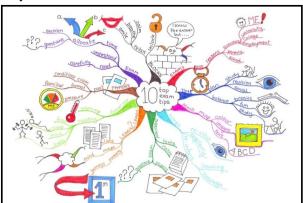
Tackling the exam

- Read each question carefully
- Check how many marks are available for each question. Don't write too much or too little.
- Answer the question don't just repeat the question or write something irrelevant
- Check information in graphs and tables. Have you read it correctly?
- Check all calculations
- Check spelling. Write the answer even if you're not sure of the spelling as you may get a mark
- Write your answer if you feel confident. If not, go onto the next question. Don't spend time on questions you're unsure of until you've gone through the paper once.
- Make sure you have enough time left to tackle the questions which are worth a high number of marks, but which may be at the end of the paper.









HARD WORK AND DETERMINATION

WILL GET YOU WHERE YOU WANT

TO GO.



SUBJECT	Art
PAPER TITLE	ROTATED REPEAT PATTERN
LENGTH OF EXAM	1 Hour

What topics are assessed in the exam?	Students will complete a ROTATED REPEAT PATTERN for their exam.
An example of a question that could appear on the exam	The exam is a 1 hour practical exam. Students will NOT have a written exam.
What useful revision tips are there for the exam?	Use the examples in your sketchbook to practise selecting a suitable area of pattern, from a source image, and rotating it correctly. Students should also revise their colour theory so that they can successfully select a colour scheme for their pattern. They should also practise their application of colour using colouring pencils .
	Selecting an area of pattern which is far too detailed which can result in running out of time and not completing their pattern. Selecting an area of pattern which is far too simple which can result in an uninteresting pattern.
Which revision websites or books should I use?	Everything you need in order to prepare for your exam should be in your own sketchbook or on the Google Classroom. If you have any questions please speak to your teacher.
	Interesting selection of pattern. Neatly transferred using tracing paper. Accurately rotated. Good choice of complementary colour scheme. Neat work.



SUBJECT	Drama
PAPER TITLE	Theme – Bullying / Practical exam also
LENGTH OF EXAM	1 hour

What topics are assessed in the exam?	 Different forms of bullying exploring scenarios detailed in booklets Drama Techniques used in class Concentration Timing
An example of a question that could appear on the exam	What makes a good freeze frame?What is a Conscience Alley?
What useful revision tips are there for the exam?	 Look over your books Exam is based on what we have covered in class Practice making lists of 'what makes a good freeze frame'.
What are some of the typical mistakes students make in this exam?	 Don't spend too long on one question. Trust your judgement – a lot of questions will be based on YOUR opinion.
Which revision websites or books should I use?	No websites needed, revise using your booklets.
What is the teacher looking for when marking this exam?	 Give honest answers Answer questions in full sentences with reasons



SUBJECT	English
PAPER TITLE	Reading Fiction and Personal Writing
LENGTH OF EXAM	1 hour

What topics are	How to read and respond to a literary text
assessed in the	 How to plan and write a piece of personal writing
exam?	
An example of a	1. Where is the story set?
question that could	2. How do you know that Mr Bumble is a careless character?
appear on the exam	or initial and initial initial and another the content initial and only initial
	effectiveness.
	Write about a time when you felt a sense of achievement.
What useful	Read your revision guide, do the practice papers your English teacher will give
revision tips are	you.
there for the exam?	
What are some of	Not answering questions in full sentences.
the typical mistakes	Not writing in enough detail. Look carefully at the questions that have
students make in	more marks and write more in response to them!
this exam?	 Not using a PEE response in the questions that have more marks.
	 Not planning for the writing section.
	 Not taking paragraphs for each new person, place topic, etc.
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Which revision	The English department's Revision Guide.
websites or books	
should I use?	
	Detailed answers to questions in the reading section, supported by evidence
J	from the text.
marking this exam?	Personal writing should be planned and structured using paragraphs. The
	writing should be engaging and the student should aim to employ a range of language devices.
	ininguage devices.



SUBJECT	French: Test Dec 2023
PAPER TITLE	Module 1 La rentrée
LENGTH OF EXAM	3 skills are assessed: listening, reading and writing.

What topics are	Greetings, days of the week, numbers 1-31 (age)
assessed in the	Alphabet
exam?	Brothers and sisters
	Classroom items
	Opinions
	Describing adjectives (amusant(e)etc,)
	Months of the year(birthday)
	Grammar: indefinite article un/une/des, verbs "avoir" (to have) and "être" (to
	be), adjective agreement(masc/fem).
An example of a	For the listening test you will be played audio recordings and will have to
question that could	answer questions based on what you hear. Many of these questions will be
appear on the exam	multiple choice, or you may have to select a picture which matches what the
	person says. Listening topics: Classroom items, describing adjectives, brothers
	and sisters, opinions.
	The reading test at this stage is basically matching words to pictures of familiar
	objects, multiple choice, short reading comprehension e.g on brothers & sisters,
	true/false statements and short sentence translation into English.
	For the writing assessment, you will write a paragraph about yourself. You will
	have to write at least 50 words.
	You should mention the following details in full sentences in French:
	• Country or colled
	Say what you are called
	Say how you are feeling (good/bad/ok) and why.
	Say what age you are
	Say what date your birthday is
	 Say what you are like e.g. your personality
	Range: mention what you are NOT like. You can use connectives such as "mais"
	(but), "et" (and) "aussi(also) to link ideas. You could also use qualifiers like
	"assez" quite, "très"(very), "un peu" (a bit).
	Say what is in your classroom.
	Description: how many tables? Give your opinion (it's nice/great/modern/old-
	fashioned etc.) You could also use qualifiers like "assez" quite, "très" (very), "un
	peu" (a bit) with opinion.
	Range: mention something you do NOT have in your classroom. You can use
	connectives such as "mais" (but), "et" (and) "aussi" (also) to link ideas.
	Say what you like and dislike (j'aime, je n'aime pas)
	Jay what you like and dislike (J aime, Je ii aime pas)
	You will have time to prepare for this in class with your teacher and will be guided on
	how to get top marks by your teacher.
	now to Bet top marks by your teacher.



What useful	When learning vocabulary, learn if the word is masculine or feminine i.e does it
revision tips are	begin with un/une?
there for the exam?	Revising vocabulary for reading and listening means <u>DOING</u> something with it. To revise your vocabulary effectively for French make sure you are <u>DOING</u> some of the following:
	 make flash cards (French one side English on the other)
	 make flash cards (French one side and a picture on the other)
	 make verb cards (put the infinitive on one side and the conjugated verb on the other. Your teacher will show youjust ask!)
	make post-it notes and stick them in your room where you will see them (do
	this for trickiest vocab and words you usually spell wrong)
	record the vocab onto your phone
	get someone to ask you it
	make a powerpoint of it with pics
	 colour code! Use different colours to help you e.g write "le" in blue and "la" in red.
	Highlighters- use a highlighter to highlight verb endings you need to remember
	Underline or circle words or parts of words that are important.
What are some of the typical mistakes students make in this exam?	Students don't pay enough attention to accuracy in the writing exam. For example when learning spellings students ignore accents or the correct direction of the accents. Pay attention to this.
tilis Cxaiii:	Students who perform best in the writing spend time writing and correcting
	their mistakes until they get it right. So they should be able to show a few drafts
	of their paragraph completed using the look, cover, write, check technique, and
	cue cards for each bullet point.
Which revision	Revision sentence builders: https://tinyurl.com/yc7nhpj5
websites or books	Revision vocabulary: https://tinyurl.com/bdddzd8v
should I use?	Model answer for writing test: https://tinyurl.com/bmvp2nds
What is the teacher	Accurate spelling, accents and gender (un/une).
looking for when	An answer which is relevant to the question.
marking this exam?	Full sentences.
	Descriptive sentences with linking words, qualifiers, opinions.



SUBJECT	Geography
PAPER TITLE	Winter exam – map skills
LENGTH OF EXAM	1 hour

What topics are	Map Skills:
assessed in the	You will need to know:
exam?	
CAUTT.	1. Direction: you should be able to confidently use the four and eight-point
	compass to find places/features/symbols on a map or diagram.
	2. Measuring distance: you should practise measuring straight line (as the crow
	flies) and curved line distance. Always remember to use the scale bar provided.
	3. Map symbols: you should use the OS Map symbols key to learn as many
	symbols as you can. Perhaps you could get someone at home to test you on
	these. 4. Grid references: you should be able to locate places/features/symbols on a
	map using both four and six figure grid references. Remember the sayings
	'crawl before you can walk' and 'along the corridor and up the stairs'. Also,
	you should always use the numbers on the bottom left- hand corner of the
	grid square.
	5. Height on a map: you should be able to describe the height/relief of land
	using layered colouring, contour lines and spot heights. You need to know what
	a triangulation pillar is.
	You also need to know why Newcastle is so popular with tourists – look at
	your Newcastle leaflet.
An example of a	Mostly short questions which require you to look carefully at maps/diagrams
· •	and use your map skills. One piece of extended writing (paragraph).
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What useful revision tips are	Tick off each thing on the revision list when you are confident you know it well.
•	Spend time practising your skills at home until you are confident with the more difficult skills like measuring distance and giving grid references.
there for the exam:	unificult skills like measuring distance and giving grid references.
What are some of	Not writing in enough detail for the extended writing question at the end.
	Not looking carefully at maps/diagrams provided.
	Not knowing map symbols well enough.
	Not spending enough time practising their map skills.
Which revision	Go over all work/worksheets in your geography book.
websites or books	
should I use?	Go over all Quizlet key terms - link provided below
	https://quizlet.com/_8lh8zj?x=1jqt&i=cy1jm
	Website – BBC Bitesize geography KS3 – OS map skills
	https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/guides/z6j6fg8/revision/1
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	Videos for revising map skills (scroll down in the link below) http://www.geobytes.org.uk/osmapskills.html?fbclid=iwar0hipm5ep7y5p7znma mgtlgg9dvz7vzum0vzhg7ls4si-mjrhpefzymfcy
What is the teacher	Good understanding of the map skills covered in class.
looking for when	You need to read questions and study maps/diagrams carefully before
marking this exam?	attempting an answer.



SUBJECT	History
PAPER TITLE	What is History?
LENGTH OF EXAM	1 hour

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What topics are	What is History?
assessed in the	1. What does primary evidence mean – give examples
exam?	2. What does secondary evidence mean – give examples
	3. Know the meaning of the words – millennium, century, decade, BC, AD,
	chronological, anachronism, bias
	4. Identifying years and putting them into the correct century
	5. Five different types of evidence – written, oral, pictorial, artefact,
	physical – give examples
	Norman Invasion 1066:
	6. Death of Edward the Confessor
	7. The 4 claimants of the English throne
	8. Reasons why each thought he should be king of England
An example of a	Questions are mostly 'Short questions' e.g. What does the term chronological
•	order mean? (2 marks)
•	There is also one extended answer question and 2 sources with source
	questions – where a source is shown and questions about the source are asked.
What useful	Revise all class and homework tasks, as all are included in the exam.
revision tips are	Don't just read over your notes, but rewrite or record an abbreviated version of
there for the exam?	your notes. Highlighting key words, names, dates and events.
What are some of	Obvious student mistakes include not reading the sources and the question
the typical mistakes	carefully enough and not answering the question full detail, if it states 3 marks
	then 3 points need to be raised. For the extended 9 marker, pupils should write
this exam?	3 paragraphs each with 3 points to total the 9 marks.
Which revision	Your booklet handouts.
websites or books	Class workbook.
should I use?	Youtube videos on the 1066 Contenders.
	BBC Bitesize The Norman Conquest – fun clips and information
What is the teacher	Attention to detail and correct use and understanding of historical terms and
looking for when	events.
marking this exam?	
	For the student to have attempted all the questions.
	For the correct amount of information proportionate to the marks available- 2
	things for 2 marks, 3 things for 3 marks etc.
	mings for 2 marks, 5 things for 5 marks etc.



SUBJECT	Irish
PAPER TITLE	
LENGTH OF EXAM	Reading / listening / writing

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What is the teacher Writing exam: try to spell the words as well as possible. Please write as much as possible even if you are unsure of the spelling!! You will get more marks for a marking this exam? word spelt wrongly than a word you haven't tried to write at all Listening and reading exam: The correct answers. Always make a guess, at least then you have a chance of getting a mark.



SUBJECT	Mathematics
PAPER TITLE	Year 8 Winter Exam (non-calculator)
LENGTH OF EXAM	1 hour

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What topics are	Unit 1 & Unit 2 Number and Pattern
assessed in the	Mental maths and written methods +, -, ×, ÷,
exam?	Round numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and estimate results
	Multiply and divide by 10 and 100
	Order of operations +, -, ×, ÷, ()
	Factors and multiples
	Prime numbers.
	Index form.
	Product of prime factors.
	HCF and LCM
	Rectangular, square and triangular numbers.
	Identify patterns in number and write down further terms.
	Unit 3 - Geometry
	Directions
	Points on a compass
	Types of angles
	Angles on a straight line (180) and at a point (360)
	Measuring and drawing angles
	Estimating angles
	Recognise corresponding angles on parallel lines and know that they are equal
	Recognise alternate angles on parallel lines and know that they are equal.
	Recognise interior angles on parallel lines and know that they add up to 180 degrees.
	Unit 4 - Directed numbers
	Order directed numbers.
	Add and subtract directed numbers.
	Multiply & divide directed numbers.
An example of a	68 x 24 538 x 39 2 + 5 x 6 – 4
•	Factor of 24? Write 144 as product of primes LCM of 4 and 7
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What useful	Read questions carefully
revision tips are	Show working out neatly and clearly
there for the exam?	
	Use pencil and a ruler for diagrams and charts
	Bring correct equipment; pen, pencil, ruler and protractor
What are some of	Not showing working
the typical mistakes	Writing money to 2 decimal places
students make in	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
this exam?	• 5² means 5x5 not 5x2
	1 is not a prime number
Which revision	www.mymaths.co.uk
websites or books	BBC Bitesize
should I use?	Mathematics notebook
	Exam revision booklets



	Consolidation Booklet
What is the teacher	Clear workings and correct answers.
looking for when	
marking this exam?	Clearly labelled and drawn diagrams.



SUBJECT	Music
PAPER TITLE	Elements of Music
LENGTH OF EXAM	45 Minutes

What topics are	A A College II.
What topics are assessed in the	Musical Vocabulary
exam?	 Musical Notation – Pitch, Duration, Dynamics
exam:	Listening – Dynamics and Texture
An example of a	The musical element of pitch describes
	2. Draw an E on the stave using a semibreve
appear on the exam	3. Which musical symbol would you use to describe the dynamics of the piece? Explain why you chose this symbol.
What useful	 Ask questions in class if you're not sure about something we're learning
revision tips are	Use your revision list – make sure you know everything on there. There
there for the exam?	will be nothing on the exam that isn't on your revision list or class workbook.
What are some of	Make sure you read the question properly. Answer the question you
the typical mistakes students make in	have been asked
this exam?	 Choose descriptive words correctly – we wouldn't use the words 'high'
tiiis exaiii:	or 'low' when we're describing dynamics. We'd use the words loud or soft (forte or piano).
Which revision	Use:
websites or books	Elements of Music workbook
should I use?	KS3 Music Theory workbook
	Revision list
	Test yourself by listening to a piece of music of your choice, and try to describe it using the new words we have learned.
What is the teacher	-
looking for when	 Understanding of the new words we have learned this term (spellings aren't as important as understanding)
marking this exam?	 Listening skills – make sure you are listening for the correct element
	If you are listening for texture, make sure you are using the correct
	vocabulary we have learned in our 'texture' lesson.



SUBJECT	Music - Orla Fitzpatrick 8S
PAPER TITLE	Music Winter Exam
LENGTH OF EXAM	45 Minutes

What topics are assessed in the exam?	 Musical Elements – Pitch, Duration, Dynamics, Tempo, Texture, Timbre Music notes on Stave - FACE EGBDF The Keyboard
•	 The musical element of pitch describes Draw an E on the stave Listen to the music. Describe the tempo. Listen to the music. Describe the dynamics.
What useful revision tips are there for the exam?	 Ask questions in class if you're not sure about something we're learning Use your revision list – make sure you know everything on there. There will be nothing on the exam that isn't on your revision list or in your class notes.
What are some of the typical mistakes students make in this exam?	 Make sure you read the question properly. Answer the question you have been asked Choose descriptive words correctly – we wouldn't use the words 'high' or 'low' when we're describing dynamics. We'd use the words loud or soft.
Which revision websites or books should I use?	Use: Elements of Music notes Keyboard notes Your class test Revision list Test yourself by listening to a piece of music of your choice, and try to describe it using the new words we have learned.
What is the teacher looking for when marking this exam?	 Understanding of the new words we have learned this term (spellings aren't as important as understanding) Listening skills – make sure you are listening for the correct element If you are listening for texture, make sure you are using the correct vocabulary we have learned in our 'texture' lesson.



SUBJECT	YR 8 Technology and Design
LENGTH OF EXAM	The exam will last 50min with 10 min to revise and get yourself org.

Equipment needed for the exam.	 Pen to write with Pencil to draw with Colour pencils to render with 300mm Ruler Rubber You will not be able to borrow any equipment from others in the classroom when the exam starts.
What topics are assessed in the exam?	 Health and Safety (Poster Design) Tools - You will have to be able to identify the tools used in the workshop and write what they are used for Materials Know the three different categories of materials The two main groups of plastics and metals Know the main differences between the groups Know how to render Measure lines using a ruler
question that could	What are the three main categories of materials? What the two main types of wood, metals and plastics are. Give examples of all the different types/groups of materials Name the different tools and their uses?
	Look over the tool's sheets look over the questions that you answered on the materials worksheets, done in class and at home.
	I am looking for detailed answers and not just a one worded answer. I will be looking for good use of the ruler and colour pencils.
Which revision websites or books should I use?	All the information that you will need is in your book or on Google Classroom.



SUBJECT	Science (8B Mr McCormick, 8M Mr Allen)
PAPER TITLE	Winter Exam
LENGTH OF EXAM	40 mins

What topics are assessed in the exam? An example of a question that could appear on the exam	,
What useful revision tips are there for the exam?	 Remember the answers to the starter questions that you have been asked all through the topic. Use the checklist at the front of your homework booklet. Ask for help in class if you need it
What are some of the typical mistakes students make in this exam?	 Not reading the questions properly Not labelling your diagram correctly Not giving enough detail in the extended question.
Which revision websites or books should I use?	● BBC Bitesize
What is the teacher looking for when marking this exam?	 Understanding of all the material taught through this topic Ability to apply your knowledge to answer application style questions

Revision timetable Week 1	Name	Class	



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Revision timetable	Week 3	Name

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