



# Sir John Cass's Foundation and Red Coat CofE Secondary School & Sixth Form

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Headteacher: Mr P. Woods

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Dear Parent/ Guardian,

## **RE: Year 7 Examinations and Assessments**

Year 7 will have examinations and assessments in all subjects in the week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020. Students will be sitting exams and doing assessments based upon the skills and knowledge they have been developing across the year so far. I have attached a summary of what will be covered in the assessments for each subject and teachers will provide clear guidance to students as to how to revise in preparation for these exams. Students are expected to revise all the topics and units listed in preparation for these examinations and assessments.

Results from these assessments will inform students and teachers of the work that needs to take place for the rest of year to ensure students meet their full potential.

As parents you can support us, and more importantly your child, by assisting them to organise themselves in the run up to these examinations. Please ask your child to show you their revision timetable. Discuss with them how they intend to balance the demands of all of their subjects as well as any outside commitments they may have. Students have been receiving guidance from their tutors on how best to organise their revision and you can find support materials on the school website as well as a weekly revision timetable.

Below are some further sources of advice on how parents can support their children during periods of examination:

<https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/parents-guide-to-support-a-z/parents-guide-to-support-exam-time/>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/stress-anxiety-depression/coping-with-exam-stress/>

If you have any concerns during the revision or examination period please feel free to contact the form tutor.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Nick O'Brien

Deputy Headteacher

## Revision topics for Year 7 examinations March 2020

The length and timing of each exam will be shared with students following the half term holiday. A copy of the exam timetable will be posted on the school website.

### English

Students will need to show they can:

- Analyse the presentation and development of a character in 'My Sister Lives on the Mantelpiece' (which they are currently studying)
- Explain the ideas in a World War I poem (which they are currently studying)
- Make inferences and provide evidence for these (as they learnt in studying the 'Enigmatic Narratives' and 'Mean to be Free')
- Write to advise (as they learnt during their work on 'The Island Project')
- Write to describe and narrate (as they learnt during their work on autobiographies)

### Maths

All topics covered this year:

- Number operations and place value, BIDMAS, Negative Numbers, Factors, multiplies and primes, Powers and Roots, Basic Fractions, Decimals, Basic percentages, Fractions, Percentages, Add and subtract fractions and reciprocals
- Basic algebra and functions, Simplifying expressions, Substitution and Formulae, Solving Equations
- Angles, Scale Diagrams & Bearings

Revision - [www.corbettmaths.com](http://www.corbettmaths.com) + [www.eedi.co.uk](http://www.eedi.co.uk)

### Science

The exam will include:

- Biology topics 7A to 7D
- Chemistry topics 7E to 7H
- Physics topics 7I to 7J

Pupils must review all prior assessments and examinations.

Revision - Doodle activities for Biology, Chemistry and Physics. (All students have login details).

### Religious Education

Ultimate Questions and the Bible.

- Understand and use philosophical key terms
- Make judgements on Philosophical / Religious issues
- Use inference to show understanding of Biblical texts
- Explain Philosophical arguments/ Biblical texts

### Modern Foreign Languages

#### Spanish

Skills – Listening, reading and extended writing

- All verb endings including irregular verbs *hacer* and *jugar*
- Adjectival agreement and word order
- All vocabulary covered since September

#### French

Skills – Listening, reading and extended writing

- All regular verb endings and irregular verbs *être* and *avoir*
- Adjectival agreement and word order
- All vocabulary covered since September

#### Bengali

Skills – Listening, reading and extended writing

- Subject and verb agreement

- Agreement of adjectives
- All vocabulary covered since September

### **History**

- the Romans
- the Norman Conquest
- Historical Skills

### **Geography**

Map skills:

- Understand how to read six and four figure grid reference
- Able to use longitude and latitude when locating an area
- Be able to create route directions from an OS map
- Use compass directions confidently

### **PE**

No exam. Cumulative assessment over the year of the different activities.

### **Drama**

Two-part examination

- A written paper on all Drama knowledge learnt so far and extended PEAE evaluation of how they we play the character of Ernie in Ernie Incredible Ilucinations by Alan Ayckbourn
- A practical assessment of performance skills

### **Music**

Year 7 will be assessed on their listening skills and knowledge of basic music theory covered. This will include:

- Elements of music
- Treble clef staff notation
- Notes of the keyboard
- Chords

### **Art**

Year 7 will be assessed on their artist research, analysis and response work, this will be an assessed lesson during the week of Year 7 exams, they will be consolidating work done so far and developing an initial ideas in the examined lesson.

### **Food**

Theory:

- food safety
- bread science
- nutrition

Practical:

- bread rolls & soup- skills, safety and science.

There will be an exam lesson where they will sit a synoptic assessment of all the above.

### **Design Technology**

- visual communication
- drawing
- constructing nets
- developing understanding of timber
- control of materials
- accuracy of use of equipment

There will be an exam lesson where they will sit a synoptic assessment of all the above.