

Tapton SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Carer,

Year 7 Assessment Week

The Year 7 Assessment Week will commence from 10th January 2022 and will last for approximately one week. Your child will complete an assessment in all subjects during this period.

The aim of assessment week is twofold. Firstly, it continues our stepped approach in preparing students for the full exam experience of their GCSEs. It is important that students get used to working under timed conditions as this is likely to be how they are assessed in most subjects at GCSE. Secondly, it will provide us with a clear idea of the grades they are working towards and any interventions that need to be in place.

The assessments range from written assessments, quizzes or practical assessments and will take place during your child's normal timetabled lessons, lasting a maximum of 50 minutes. Students who qualify for extra time will have this taken into account and extra time will be given.

At the beginning of Year 7 all students were told about the assessment weeks and have been working towards it in class, as well as discussions in their PSHEE lesson. Revision should be signposted clearly on Satchel One where appropriate.

If your child is isolating during the assessment period they should complete revision work during the lessons when their class are completing assessments. They will complete their assessments on their return to school.

Please find attached an overview of what your child should expect for each subject assessment. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to email me on kpilarek@taptonschool.co.uk

Kind regards,



Mrs K Pilarek
Assistant Headteacher



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Subject	Assessment
English	<p>The Year 7 English assessment is 50 minutes.</p> <p>Students will be assessed on their descriptive writing, receiving a mark out of 25 for their content - structuring their answer, techniques used, level of description. They will receive a mark out of 15 for their spelling punctuation and grammar. They will then receive an overall percentage.</p> <p>The students will take their exercise books home with them to look over what has been covered in class and remind themselves of the success criteria.</p>
Maths	<p>Year 7 Maths Assessment is 50 minutes long and will be taken in their maths lessons.</p> <p>X band will be period 4 Wednesday 12th January</p> <p>Y and Z bands will be period 3 Thursday 13th January</p> <p>Students have a yellow sheet in their books containing a list of topics that will be on the assessment and have been set a revision homework on Mathswatch. All topics will be assessed.</p>
Science	<p>The Year 7 Science assessment is 40 mins long and will take place in science lessons on Wednesday 12th January: Y band period 1, Z band period 2 and X band period 3</p> <p>Students will be assessed on the work covered this year, revising Cells and Particles and Forces.</p> <p>Students can use Kerboodle to revise and more details will be given on Satchel One.</p>
RE	<p>The RE assessment will comprise a keyword definitions test and knowledge based questions on the first term's work on World Views.</p> <p>The assessment will last 40 minutes.</p> <p>A knowledge organiser containing keyword definitions and a summary of key information will be provided on paper in class and online via Satchel One.</p> <p>Students are advised to focus on learning the definitions of key words first as this will help them to learn the more detailed information included on the knowledge organiser. More advice will be given in class.</p>
Geography	<p>The Year 7 Geography assessment is 40 minutes long and is broken down into 30 marks.</p> <p>Students will be assessed on their learning since the start of Year 7 which will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World geography (knowing where places are) • Basic use of maths to interpret geographical data • OS map skills such as grid references, symbols and contours – this will make up most of the assessment. <p>Students should revise from the A5 revision sheets that have been used for homework since the start of the year.</p> <p>For OS map skills the OS Mapzone website and BBC bitesize can both provide useful practice.</p> <p>https://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/mapzone/</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/z6j6fg8/revision/1</p>

History	<p>The Year 7 History assessment will have four questions (total of 30 marks) on Year 7 learning from the first term - Introduction to History and the Roman Empire.</p> <p>Questions will test knowledge, chronological understanding, source skills and explanation.</p> <p>The assessment will last 30 minutes.</p> <p>There is more detailed information on the front of the Revision Booklet (also available electronically on Satchel One). Students will also complete one revision lesson in class after Christmas. Their teacher will tell them the day of their assessment.</p>
MFL	<p>Year 7 MFL Assessment will last 45 minutes and is worth 30 marks covering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Reading · Translation <p>The paper cover topics studied in Year 7 so far.</p> <p>Exercise books and homework booklets should be used to revise and on Satchel One MFL teachers will attach the revision PowerPoint and revision guide. There are also PowerPoint resources on the Learning Platform in the individual language folders which may help. (Some will be in the remote learning folder).</p> <p>Useful websites include: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/mfl https://quizlet.com/ https://conjuguemos.com/</p>
PE	<p>There will be no assessment in PE.</p>
Music	<p>Year 7 Music Assessment Composition NEA</p> <p>Pupils have been working on writing their own fanfares this half term. This will be completed in the last week of term and will be marked for the assessment. Revision is not required.</p>
Drama	<p>The Drama students are currently doing a summative assessment that will be completed in the last week of term. This will be the grade that we put on the tracking. The grade will reflect their rehearsal, performing and evaluation work completed in this term's work. They will not complete an assessment during the assessment week.</p>
Engineering	<p>The Engineering assessment is an online assessment which is 30 minutes in duration.</p> <p>Students will be assessed on all Year 7 content from the Ugly Buzzer project and KS2 content from the National Curriculum.</p> <p>A copy of the teacher's PowerPoint and some of the KS2 National Curriculum content will be posted on Satchel One to aid revision.</p>
Product Design	<p>The Product Design assessment is an online multiple choice assessment, which is 30 minutes.</p> <p>Students are assessed on Year 7 content (Cubee Project/ Sweet Dispenser Project) plus past learning from the KS2 DT National Curriculum</p> <p>A copy of the teacher's PowerPoint and some of the KS2 National Curriculum content will be posted on Satchel One to aid revision.</p>

Textiles	<p>The Year 7 Textiles Assessment will assess classwork from the beginning of the year to now. Students will have a lesson focusing on certain assessment criteria allowing them to improve and build on their current work and skills.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding of the design brief and theme • Design and development • Practical making and modelling skills <p>Revision is not required for Textiles.</p>
Food	<p>Y7 Food assessment is 30 minutes long.</p> <p>Section A: All the questions in this section will ask you to draw upon the knowledge, skills and understanding you have been taught this year.</p> <p>Section B: All the questions in this section will ask you to draw upon the knowledge, skills and understanding you should have been taught in KS2.</p> <p>A revision resource will be shared on Satchel One for students to revise</p>
Computer Science	<p>The Year 7 Computer Science assessment is 30 minutes, plus extra time if required.</p> <p>Students will be assessed on E-Safety by MCQ Questions online in a Microsoft Form.</p> <p>To revise, students should use Satchel One, revision materials for E-Safety are now available to all Year 7 student.</p>
Art	<p>The Year 7 Art assessment will assess the first unit of work from Year 7, Natural forms.</p> <p>Students will have a lesson focusing on key assessment criteria from the first unit and use feedback to improve their current work and grade. Work is assessed across the five assessment objectives;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research • Development • Recording • Final piece • Annotation <p>Revision is not required for Art.</p>