

Preparing for your examinations

Planning your time

Around exam time it is a good idea to keep other commitments to a minimum, although it is important to allow time for exercise and recreation. Keep a reasonable routine of study, relaxation, exercise, food and sleep.

- ✓ Draw up a study timetable well in advance and try to stick to it. Allocate your time so that all subjects are covered and you don't neglect the hard or boring bits. Set specific tasks with deadlines.
- ✓ Study for short periods of time, depending on what works best for you, and have regular study breaks to give your mind some other activity.
- ✓ Be flexible, adaptable and honest with yourself - you may need to revise your study timetable depending on your progress and what you find works best for you.
- ✓ Reward yourself by doing something that you enjoy after you have finished your set revision.

Know what to expect for the exam

- ✓ **Format** - Will the exam include multiple choice, short answers, problems or long answer/essay questions? What mixture of these?
- ✓ **Length** - How long will the exam be? What time should be allocated to the different sections?
- ✓ **Value** - What % is the exam for the whole year's work? How well are you doing in the other components of the assessment for the unit? Set yourself a realistic target result based on all the information at hand.
- ✓ **Equipment** - What may you take into the examination with you? (Pens, pencils, ruler, calculator, plastic sleeve, tissues, water bottle). Mobile phones cannot be used as calculators.

Attendance

- ✓ Students who are absent from an examination must notify the school before 9:00 am on 9521-3244.
- ✓ Be punctual to school. Extra time cannot be awarded for late arrivals.
- ✓ You must go to your normal lesson at the beginning of period 1 so your teachers can mark your names. They will take you to the hall following roll call.

Uniform

- ✓ Uniform is compulsory.

The Examination

- ✓ All students are to line up in their class lines outside the hall.
- ✓ There is no talking once you enter the hall.
- ✓ Mobile phones and smart watches must be turned off or placed on silent and left in bags for the duration of the exam.

Good luck!

2026 Semester 1 Exams Timetable for Years 7-10

- The timetable below outlines formal examinations for core subjects for all students in years 7- 10. These exams will be held in the school hall.
- Subjects not listed in the timetable will have assessments scheduled during regular class time. Teachers will confirm assessment dates and times with their classes.
- The times listed are approximate writing times. An additional 5 minutes of reading time will be provided at the start of each exam. Please refer to your task notifications for specific details and timings.
- When exams are not scheduled, students will attend their regular timetabled lessons.
- Students must confirm the required equipment with their teacher. Eg. Mathematics and Science exams require a scientific calculator and a ruler.

WK 5A	MON 18/5	TUE 19/5	WED 20/5	THUR 21/5	FRI 22/5
1	YR 10 ENGLISH 80 mins	YR 10 MATHS 80 mins	YR 9 ENGLISH 70 mins	YR 10 HSIE 70 mins	YR 9 MATHS 70 mins
2					
3	YR 9 HSIE 70 mins	YR 9 SCIENCE 80 mins	YR 10 SCIENCE 80 mins	YR 8 MATHS 60 mins	YR 7 HSIE 60 mins
4					
5	NORMAL LESSON	YR 7 ENGLISH 60 mins	YR 8 ENGLISH 60 mins	YR 7 SCIENCE 60 mins	YR 8 SCIENCE 60 mins
6					

WK 6B	MON 25/5	TUE 26/5	Wed 27/5
1	YR 7 MATHS 60 mins	History Competition	NORMAL LESSONS
2			
3	YR 8 HSIE 60 mins	NORMAL LESSONS	
4			
5	NORMAL LESSON		
6			

** All examinations include 5 minutes reading time.

** Times are approximate. Task notifications provide specific details for each examination.