

De Lisle College

Advent Term Assessment Information

Year 8 – November 2024

Key Stage 3 Grading System

From this year, students' attainment will be determined by a standardised scoring system. Each assessment will provide a 'raw score', that is their score out of a given total on the assessment. A statistical process is used to convert the raw score into a standardised score for each student. Standardised scores range from 1-100, and indicate the position of each student with the year group.

Students will no longer be graded on a 9-1 scale. Now the standardised score will be used to assign a quintile grade to each student with the highest grade now being a 5 which indicates they are in the top 20% of the year group. The full details are explained in this table:

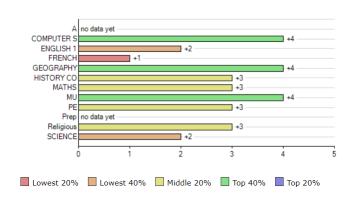
Grade	Standardised Score	Rank Position in Year at De Lisle		
5	80 – 100	In the top 20% of students		
4	60 – 80	In the top 40% of students		
3	40 – 60	In the middle 20% of students		
2	20 – 40	In the lowest 40% of students		
1	1 – 20	In the lowest 20% of students		

The advantages of using the standardised scoring system are:

- > It provides a clear picture of how your child is performing in each subject compared to their peers.
- > It allows your child to track their progress in each subject across the year and through Key Stage 3 more closely.
- > It allows for comparisons of your child's performance to be made between subjects.

At each of the three assessment points your child will be provided with their grade and standardised score in each subject. On Go4schools, your child's page will now show you an attainment chart. This will easily allow you to see how they have performed across their different subjects based on their 5-1 grades.

Each student has been assigned a Prior Attainment Grade. This grade provides an indicator as to where your child was positioned in the year group at the end of Key Stage 2. It is based on a combined score of their maths and English.



Year 8 Advent assessment timetable - week 1 (WEEK B)

	Monday 11th November		Tuesday 12th November		Wednesday 13th November		Thursday 14th November		Friday 15th November
			8O, 8Y, 8I RE Paper 1				8Y English		8G science 1
									8D science 2
Period 1		Period 1		Period 1		Period 1		Period 1	
	8V History essay		8F science 1		8Y History Essay		8I History MCQ		
			80 Essay History		8V History MCQ		8V RE Paper 1		
Period 2		Period 2	8B Essay History	Period 2	8 Red History Essay	Period 2		Period 2	
			8R RE Paper 1						
							8E science 1		
	8I History Essay						8Y History MCQ		
Period 3		Period 3		Period 3		Period 3		Period 3	
					8D science 1				8B, 8C science 1
					8B History MCQ				8I CS - ATH
Period 4		Period 4		Period 4		Period 4		Period 4	
			8A science 1				8X English		8X1 French class - writing and spe
			8G, 8B RE Paper 1						
Period 5		Period 5		Period 5		Period 5		Period 5	
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Year 8 Advent assessment timetable - week 2 (WEEK A)

	Monday 18th November		Tuesday 19th November		Wednesday 20th November		Thursday 21st November		Friday 22nd November
Period 1	8 Geo Violet MCQ 8Y Geog MCQ STH 8G Music SDE 8R RE Paper 2	Period 1		Period 1	8 Y band Maths paper 1	Period 1		Period 1	8 Geo Violet written 8B Geog MCQ
Period 2		Period 2	8 Geo Indigo MCQ 8X1 Mandarin reading & listening	Period 2	8R Geography WrittenKAL 8O RE Paper 2	Period 2	8 Green History MCQ	Period 2	8G, 8C science 2
	8A science 2 8O MCQ History 8V, 8B RE Paper 2	Period 3	8B, 8F science 2 8 Green History Essay	Period 3	8 X band Maths paper 1	Period 3	8 Geo Indigo written	Period 3	8X1 French class - reading & listenin
Period 4	8Y Spanish - writing and spe	Period 4	8R Geog MCQ 8B Music 8O Music SDE 8Y, 8G, 8I RE Paper 2	Period 4		Period 4	8 Red History MCQ	Period 4	80 Geog NWH Written 8Y Music
Period 5		Period 5	8R Music SDE	Period 5	8X French - writing & speaking 8X1 Mandarin writing	Period 5	8X French - reading & listening	Period 5	

Year 8 Advent assessment timetable - week 3 (WEEK B)

	Monday 25th November		Tuesday 26th November		Wednesday 27th November		Thursday 28th November		Friday 29th November
Period 1		1	8G Geog MCQ MFR 8V Music 8B CS - ATH	Period 1		Period 1		Period 1	
Period 2	80 CS - NPA	Period 2	8Y CS - ATH	Period 2		Period 2	8G Geog MFR Written	Period 2	
Period 3	8B Geography Written 8V CS - NPA 8G CS - ATH 8R CS - MJA	Period 3		Period 3		Period 3		Period 3	Trust inset day
Period 4		Period 4	8 X Band Maths paper 2 8 Y Band Maths paper 2	Period 4	80 Geog NWH MCQ	Period 4	8Y Geog MFR Written	Period 4	
Period 5		Period 5		Period 5		Period 5		Period 5	



Year 8	Art, Design and Technology	Assessment Date(s):	N/A
Assessment Format:	Continuous	Assessment Length:	N/A

What key topics do I need to know and remember...

In Art and Design, you are assessed on the work that you produce during each project. This includes research and preparatory work, your final project outcome, and your evaluation. This closely follows the way in which students are assessed in this subject at GCSE level. You will not complete a separate assessment piece in this assessment window.

You teacher will be looking for the following evidence within your work:

- Demonstrating critical understanding of artists and designers (evidenced in sketchbook)
- Refining work by exploring ideas, selecting and experimenting with media, materials, techniques and processes (evidenced in sketchbook)
- Recording the creative development of your own design ideas and planning final outcome (evidenced in sketchbook)

How can I best prepare and revise for this assessment...

- Continue to work hard and apply yourself in Art lessons.
- Ensure that you complete every task to the best of your ability.
- Complete homework tasks to the best of your ability.
- Listen carefully to advice and act on any feedback that you are given.
- Revisit previous work in your workbook to see whether you can now make any improvements to it.



Subject	Music				
Title/Top	pic	Format	Length	WC	
Task 1		Written	20 mins		
Task 2		Practical	4 mins		

- 1. Name and define the ten elements of music *Tempo, Beat, Rhythm, Pitch, Silence, Timbre, Texture, Dynamics, Melody, Duration.*
- 2. Know notation by the note name and beat value of each note (ie crotchet =1 beat)
- 3. Notes on a keyboard and how these relate to notes on a stave.
- 4. Identify notes on a stave.
- 5. The four sections of the Orchestra.
- 6. Know what the structures Binary, Ternary and Ground Bass mean in music.
- 7. Know what a Hook, Riff and an Ostinato are.

Practical Exam (in December out of the exam period)

- 1. Play the ground bass part to Pachelbel's Canon using the left hand
- 2. Add in extra parts to Pachelbel's Canon playing with two hands together.



What should I do to revise and prepare for this assessment?
1.Revise from the class workbook and the revision guide on satchel 2.Make the most of class independent practice time. 3.Listen to the recording on the link here https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JvNQLJ1_HQ0
What useful websites/resources could I use to help me prepare?



Subject	Year 8 Geography					
Title/Top	oic	Format	Length	WC		
Paper 1- M	ultiple Choice Quiz	32 questions based on Year content	45 mins	18 th Nov Check SMH		
Paper 2- Go Rivers and	eomorphic Processes- Coasts	Skills questions 2 and 4 mark questions 2X5 mark question	45mins	25 th Nov Check SMH		

- Features of a drainage basin
- Define geomorphic processes- erosion, transportation, deposition.
- Different types of erosion
- Different types of transportation
- A river landform in upland areas
- · Longshore drift
- Features of constructive and destructive waves
- Why should the coastline be protected?
- Hard and soft engineering
- Coastal landforms- erosional

What should I do to revise and prepare for this assessment?

You should prepare by:

- Look/cover/write/check with knowledge organisers
- Mind mapping key concepts and case studies
- Flash cards for key concepts
- Consolidation paragraphs using mind maps
- Audio recording of your own explanations, listen back
- Practise drawing and annotating river and coastal landforms



Knowledge organisers

Geographical skills - KS3 Geography - BBC Bitesize



Subject	Mathematics				
Title/Top	pic	Format	Length	WC	
Paper 1 – N	on Calculator	Written Paper	45 minutes	18th Nov	
Paper 2 – Ca	alculator Allowed	Written Paper	45 minutes	25 th Nov	

You will sit **two assessment papers** in the Advent term. Each assessment will be of equal challenge but they will progress in difficulty through the paper. They will test you on your understanding of the concepts studied so far in Year 8 which build upon your study in year 7. The **core concepts** you will be tested on are listed below, but this is not an exclusive list as questions may also draw on any content you studied in year 7.

You will sit **three assessment papers** in the Advent term. Each assessment will be of equal challenge but they will progress in difficulty through the paper. They will test you on your understanding of the concepts studied so far in Year 8 which build upon your study in Year 7. The **core concepts** you will be tested on are listed below, but this is not an exclusive list as questions may draw on any content we have covered so far in Year 8 & 7.

Unit 1 - Ratio & Scale Core Concepts

- Divide in a given ratio
- Express ratios in their simplest integer form
- Express ratios in the fom 1: n
- Compare ratios and related fractions

Unit 2 – Multiplicative Change Core Concepts

- Solve problems involving direct proportion
- Explore conversion graphs
- Convert between currencies
- Explore direct proportion graphs
- Explore similar shapes

Unit 3 – Multiplying & Dividing Fractions Core Concepts

- Find the product of any pair of fractions
- Understand and use the reciprocal
- Divide any pair of fractions
- Multiply and divide improper and mixed fractions
- Multiply and divide algebraic fractions



Unit 4 - Working in the Cartesian Plane Core Concepts

- Identify and draw lines that are parallel to the axes
- Recognise and use the line y=x
- Explore the gradient of the line y=kx
- Explore graphs with negative gradient
- Plot graphs of the form *y=mx+c*

What should I do to revise and prepare for this assessment?

- Complete your revision workbook that your teacher has provided you. You should
 work through all the questions in your revision workbook, checking your work
 using the answers provided. You could ask your parent or relative to check your
 work with you, and discuss the areas you need to revisit. This revision workbook
 must be completed in full and handed in to your teacher for checking the day of
 your first assessment.
- 2. **Read carefully through your lesson notes** in each workbook. Look out for the key information that you have written down or highlighted that your teacher said was an important learning point.
- 3. **Study the knowledge organisers** for the units being tested. They can be found at the back of each of the workbooks that you have completed so far. You should use the technique of **'look, cover, check'**

What useful websites/resources could I use to help me prepare?

All Year 8 Advent Resources and solutions (including the workbook) can be found here:

Year 8 Maths Advent - De Lisle College - Loughborough

You can also access revision lessons on Sparx Maths. Use the links in your workbook to direct you to the most appropriate videos.

www.sparxmaths.uk



Subject PE – year 8	PE – year 8					
Title/Topic	Format	Length	WC			
Online test (20 marks)	Multiple choice	30 mins	2 nd Dec			
Practical assessment of activities	Core skills and application of skills in full context	N/A	N/A			

Demonstrate an understanding of the principles of training effectively.

Demonstrate the core skills and apply them accurately in a full context or competitive situation.

What should I do to revise and prepare for this assessment?

Review your knowledge organiser and work booklet and self-test with a partner or parent. Re-watch the lesson video and complete any practice questions in your work booklet.



What useful websites/resources could I use to help me prepare?					
The online resources on SatchelOne can support preparation for the online assessment.					

Year 8	Religious Studies			Paper 1: w/c 11 th November Paper 2: w/c 18 th November	
Assessment Format:	Paper 1 - written task		Assessment Length:	2 x 45 mins	
	Paper 2 – short and medic length answers	ım			
What key topics do I	need to know and remem	ber			
Paper 1 written task		Paper 2 General RE knowledge. Short and medium length answers			
Revise Creation and C	ovenant Chapter One		C		
 Original and Person 	sonal Sin	Knowledge about Creation and Covenant in			
• God's rules		knowledge organiser			
• Conscience		Knowledge about Prophecy and Promise in			
Baptism			vledge organiser		
How can I best prepare and revise for this assessment					

- Use your knowledge organiser attached to your homework booklets and memorise the information. Get other people to test you.
- Make mindmaps on different topics
- Make notes on different topics.
- Look, cover, write check key words and concepts
- Make flash cards of key beliefs, teachings and actions, including definitions and memorise them. Get other people to test you.
- Write practice SPO paragraphs on different issues including Beliefs, Teachings and Actions as well as a response (Catholic or your view of the belief, teachings and actions).

Year 8	English	Assessment Date(s):	WC 11 th November
Assessment Format:	Essay – Sherlock Holmes	Assessment Length:	45 minutes

What key topics do I need to know and remember...

- Consider various aspects of Holmes's character.
- Appreciate Holmes as a fictional character.
- Discuss the impact of Holmes's portrayal on the reader.
- Discuss the plots of different stories and explore the links between them.
- Use quotations to support points.
- Place quotations in context in the story as this helps to further show the understanding of Holmes's character.
- Analyse deliberately chosen language to exemplify Holmes's character.
- Avoid using run-on sentences
- Use proper nouns clearly and accurately

How can I best prepare and revise for this assessment...

- 1. Complete and use your planning to prepare for your assessment (this will be given out two lessons before the assessment).
- 2. Use your Sherlock Holmes booklet to look, cover, write, check key information about characters, setting and context
- 3. Use your exercise book to look and review practice paragraphs
- 4. Review the results from your fortnightly knowledge check assessments and revisit the areas you did not master.



Subject	Year 8 Computer Science			
Title/Topic		Format	Length	WC
Python Turtle Programming		MCQ	45 mins	18th Nov

- Draw simple shapes using the Python Turtle
- Move the turtle forward, back, left and right
- Change the properties of the pen such as colour
- Use a for loop to repeat instructions
- Take inputs from the user and use them to change the drawing
- Create variables to store data, such as the length of the sides or colour
- Recognise the code for common shapes and patterns
- Answer questions about sample code

What should I do to revise and prepare for this assessment?

- Review your booklet (8.1)
- Complete the practice quizzes that are linked at the end of each lesson
- Practice the keywords with look cover check
- Complete the revision tasks set for homework



Subject	French			
Title/Topic		Format	Length	WC
Paper 1 – Listening and Reading		Written paper (multiple	30	18 th
		choice/written answers)	minutes	November
Paper 2 – Writing and Speaking		Written paper and	30	18 th
		spoken answers	minutes	November

My Advent assessment will test my knowledge on...

- Understanding phrases and vocabulary when I hear them.
- Being able to spell words accurately when I hear them using the phonics sounds I have learnt.
- Understanding phrases and vocabulary when I see them written down and responding to questions about what I have read.
- **Recognising** verb forms and articles when I see them written down.
- Writing words and phrases accurately in sentences.
- Writing verb forms and articles accurately in sentences.
- **Pronouncing** words and phrases correctly using the phonics sounds I have learnt.
- Applying the following grammar points;
 - Present tense
 - Être and avoir
 - Adjectival agreement
 - Question rules
 - Possessive adjectives

What should I do to revise and prepare for this assessment?



To prepare for this assessment:

- 1. Use your Language Guide and Language Nut to revise the vocabulary learnt in lessons so that you know what the words/phrases mean in English using the look, cover, write, check method.
- 2. Use your Language Guide and Language Nut to revise the vocabulary learn in lessons so that you know how to spell the words/phrases in French using the look, cover, write, check method.
- 3. Use you Language Guide and Language Nut to practice the phonics sounds learnt in lessons.

- Language Guide
- Language Nut
- Audio files using for homework tasks



Subject	History			
Title/Topic		Format	Length	WC
Paper 1 – What was Elizabeth I's greatest achievement during her 44-year reign as queen?		Essay	45 minutes	11/11
Paper 2 – Knowledge test		Multiple choice	45 mins	11/11

- Recall key knowledge from the Tudors knowledge organiser.
- Construct an essay to answer the question What was Elizabeth I's greatest achievement during her 44-year reign as queen?
- We will be looking for the following features:
- An introduction which: explains the question, and makes an argument.
- o Paragraphs which answer the question (A.T.Q) in the first and last sentence.
- o Paragraphs which stick to the point (S.T.P).
- o A conclusion which powerfully restates your argument.
- o Detail which is relevant, specific and accurate.
- Lots of explanation developing that detail 'so what?'
- o Accurate spelling check your work.
- Accurate punctuation and grammar check your work.
- o Sentences which are short, clear and make sense.
- o Sustained judgement throughout your essay.



To prepare for this assessment:

- 1. Ensure that your essay planning sheet that you start in class is fully completed.
- 2. Ensure that all reading tasks in your prep booklet have been completed.
- 3. Learn all the questions in your prep booklet knowledge organiser on the Tudors, using look, cover, write, check.
- 4. Read over notes from each lesson and consolidate learning by writing summary paragraphs.

- o Knowledge organisers
- o https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize
- o https://www.thenational.academy/



Subject	Mandarin			
Title/Topic		Format	Length	wc
Paper 1 – List	ening and Reading	Written paper (multiple choice + one written question)	45 minutes	18 th November
Paper 2 – Wr	iting	Written paper	40 minutes	18 th November

My Advent assessment will test my knowledge on...

- Understanding phrases and vocabulary when I hear them and responding to questions about what I have heard.
- Understanding characters when I see them written down and responding to questions about what I have read.
- Translating a passage accurately from Chinese into English, based on the characters I have learnt in lessons.
- Writing 20-30 characters to describe a photo.
- Translating sentences accurately into Chinese based on the characters I have learnt in lessons.
- Producing a piece of writing 70-90 characters long based on the vocabulary I have learnt in lessons.



What should I do to revise and prepare for this assessment?

To prepare for this assessment:

- 1. Use my *Jinbu 1* (particularly chapters 4 and 5) and *Jinbu 2* (chapter 1) textbooks and my Knowledge Organisers to revise the characters learnt in lessons so that I know what they mean in English, using the look, cover, write, check method.
- 2. Use my *Jinbu 1* (particularly chapters 4 and 5) and *Jinbu 2* (chapter 1) textbooks and my Knowledge Organisers to revise the vocabulary learnt in lessons so that I know how to write the characters in Chinese, using the look, cover, write, check method. Practise writing the characters from memory every day.
- 3. Complete any exercises from the textbooks and workbooks not completed in lessons.

- Jinbu 1 and Jinbu 2 textbook and workbook
- Knowledge Organisers, particularly Jinbu 1 chapters 4 and 5 ('School' and 'Food') and Jinbu 2 chapter 1 ('Holidays')
- Quizlet



Subject	Science		
Title/Topic		Format	Length
Paper 1 –Physics & chemistry		MCQ	45min
Paper 2 – Physics & chemistry		Written paper	45mins

Recall and apply knowledge from the following booklets

Physics content

- Forces and motion
- Waves & light

Chemistry content

Acids and bases

What should I do to revise and prepare for this assessment?

To prepare for this assessment:

- 1. Complete look, cover, write and check on the knowledge organiser statements from the life booklet and the forces and motion booklet.
- 2. Make flash cards of key words and their definitions.
- 3. Read through the lesson content in the booklets and make notes to help you learn the information.

What useful websites/resources could I use to help me prepare?

Use the KS3 science bitesize website to revise the content. You can try the learning quizzes and watch the videos to help you.

Forces and motion revision:

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z4brd2p

Waves & Light:

Waves - KS3 Physics - BBC Bitesize

Acids and bases:

Acids and alkalis - KS3 Chemistry - BBC Bitesize

Acids in the laboratory - Acids and bases - KS3 Chemistry Revision - BBC Bitesize



Subject	Spanish			
Title/Topic		Format	Length	WC
Paper 1 – Listening and Reading		Written paper (multiple choice/written answers)	30 minutes	18 th November
Paper 2 – Writing and Speaking		Written paper and spoken answers	30 minutes	18 th November

My Advent assessment will test my knowledge on...

- Understanding phrases and vocabulary when I hear them.
- Being able to spell words accurately when I hear them using the phonics sounds I have learnt.
- Understanding phrases and vocabulary when I see them written down and responding to questions about what I have read.
- **Recognising** verb forms and articles when I see them written down.
- Writing words and phrases accurately in sentences.
- Writing verb forms and articles accurately in sentences.
- **Pronouncing** words and phrases correctly using the phonics sounds I have learnt.
- **Applying** the following grammar points;
 - Past tense with -ar, -er and -ir verbs
 - Present tense with -ar/-er and -ir verbs
 - Ser vs estar
 - Hacer
 - Tener
 - Modal verbs

What should I do to revise and prepare for this assessment?



To prepare for this assessment:

- 1. Use your Language Guide and Language Nut to revise the vocabulary learnt in lessons so that you know what the words/phrases mean in English using the look, cover, write, check method.
- 2. Use your Language Guide and Language Nut to revise the vocabulary learn in lessons so that you know how to spell the words/phrases in Spanish using the look, cover, write, check method.
- 3. Use you Language Guide and Language Nut to practice the phonics sounds learnt in lessons.

- Language Guide
- Language Nut
- Audio files using for homework tasks