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STUDY GUIDE S3 ASSESSMENTS

a guide for pupils, parents and carers

**S3 ASSESSMENTS TAKE PLACE
26 FEBRUARY - 5 MARCH 2026**





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S3 ENGLISH & COMMUNICATION

English

What is being assessed?

RUAE

Understanding and analysis of texts.
Short answer responses required.



How long will it last?

1 hour

What types of questions will be in the assessment?

Understanding and analysis questions



Questions requiring a short response

Where will I find revision materials to help my child?



Class Team
-accessed through
your child's GLOW
account

Classnotes

BBC Bitesize



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S3 ENGLISH & COMMUNICATION

French & Spanish

What is being assessed?

Reading

Listening



How long will it last?

Total Time – 1hr 15 minutes

- Reading 45 minutes
- Listening 30 minutes

What types of questions will be in the assessment?

Analysing text in target language

Questions in English

Answers in English

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BBC Bitesize Languages Online

SCILT



Quizlet
Classnotes
Class textbook –
Studio 2/Viva 1

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S3 ENGLISH & COMMUNICATION

Media

What is being assessed?

→ Knowledge of Media key aspects



How long will it last?

45 minutes

What types of questions will be in the assessment?

Mini essay →

Poster analysis referencing key aspects of representation, categories and language.

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Revision of Class notes

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S3 EXPRESSIVE ARTS

Art & Design

What is being assessed?

Direct observation drawing

Question paper



Total Time 1 hour

- Time in class to draw object – 30 mins
- Analytical question paper – 30 mins

How long will it last?

What types of questions will be in the question paper?

Response to artworks

Extended answers

Reference to the visual elements

Where will I find revision materials to help my child? BBC Bitesize



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Drama

What is being assessed?

Performance presentation

Question paper



Total Time – 1 hour

- Presentation in class – 15 mins
- Analytical question paper – 45 mins

How long will it last?

What types of questions will be in the question paper?

Response to pupil created drama

Extended answers

Terminology definitions

Where will I find revision materials to help my child?



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Terminology Booklet

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S3 EXPRESSIVE ARTS

Music Performance

What is being assessed?

Performance on 2 instruments

Listening question paper



Total Time – 40 minutes

- 2 pieces of music performed
- 30 min question paper

How long will it last?

What types of questions will be in the listening assessment?

Aural concept recognition

Short answer

Multi-choice

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Revision
PowerPoint



Level 3



Level 4

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S3 EXPRESSIVE ARTS

Music Technology

What is being assessed?

Mixcraft Project

Listening question paper



Total Time – 30 minutes

- Class assignment submitted
- 30 min question paper

How long will it last?

What types of questions will be in the listening assessment?

Aural concept recognition

Short answer

Multi-choice

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S3 HEALTH & WELL-BEING

Food Technology

What is being assessed?

REHIS – Elementary Food
Hygiene Certificate
Costing of practical exam
recipes
Lentil soup and cheese
scones



Written paper: 45 minutes – in exam hall
Practical Exam: 60 minutes – in class time

How long will it last?

What types of questions will be in the assessment?

Multiple Choice
Case Study
Calculation

Short answers

Formula will be
provided.

Where will I find revision
materials to help my child?



Class
Materials

REHIS class workbooks
Pupil folders

BBC Bitesize



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S3 HEALTH & WELL-BEING

Physical Education

What is being assessed?

Understanding of the 4 Factors which impact performance.

Methods of gathering data



How long will it last?

45 minutes

What types of questions will be in the assessment?

Open, closed and multiple choice questions.

Activities – Rules, equipment, playing areas etc

Where will I find revision materials to help my child?

BBC Bitesize

S3 Performance
PE Workbooks



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S3 MATHS, BUSINESS & ICT

Administration & ICT

What is being assessed?

Level 3/4 skills on Word, Excel, Spreadsheets and Theory



75 minutes

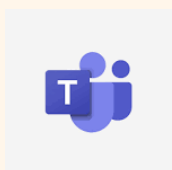
How long will it last?

What types of questions will be in the assessment?

Problem Solving

Command word theory questions

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Resource
booklets

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S3 MATHS, BUSINESS & ICT

Business Enterprise

What is being assessed? → Mini assessments for each topic



45 minutes

How long will it last?

What types of questions will be in the assessment?

Multiple Choice/Short Answer

Case Study

Command Word Questions

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S3 MATHS, BUSINESS & ICT

Computing Science

What is being assessed? → A programming task



90 minutes

How long will it last?

What types of questions will be in the assessment?

Provide a solution to a real life situation → Python programming knowledge.

Where will I find revision materials to help my child?



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S3 MATHS, BUSINESS & ICT

Application of Maths

What is being assessed? → An end of course level 3 & 4 assessment



45 minutes

How long will it last?

What types of questions will be in the assessment?

Skills based and problem solving questions

Students are allowed to use a calculator.

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S3 MATHS, BUSINESS & ICT

Mathematics

What is being assessed?

→ An end of course
level 3 & 4
assessment



1 hour

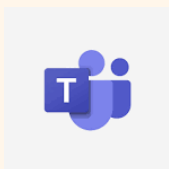
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Rigour Maths



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S3 SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Biology

What is being assessed?

Cell Biology

- Cell Ultrastructure
- DNA and Protein Production
- Proteins and Enzymes

Sports Science

- Muscles and Joints
- Heart & Circulatory Systems
- Respiration and Diffusion
- Thermoregulation



How long will it last?

75 minutes

What types of questions will be in the assessment?

15 Multiple Choice Questions

+

35 Marks Extended Response Questions

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Practice Questions,
Knowledge Organisers,
Mindmaps & Homework



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S3 SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Chemistry

What is being assessed?

Atomic Structure

Bonding & Properties

Formulae & Reacting Quantities



How long will it last?

75 minutes – 50 marks

What types of questions will be in the assessment?

Written Exam

15 Multiple Choice Questions

35 Extended Response Marks

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Miss Adams Chemistry
Evans2chem



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S3 SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Physics

What is being assessed?

Waves, Sound & Optics

Kinematics & Dynamics



1 hour

How long will it last?

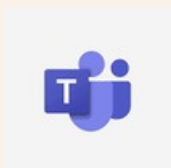
What types of questions will be in the assessment?

10 multiple choice questions

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Written questions including calculations, explanations, and data handling

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Class Homework Booklet, Revision Questions Sheets & Practice Questions



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S3 SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Design & Manufacture

What is being assessed?

Environmental considerations

Materials – woods, metals & plastics

Tools & Machines

Design process & Design factors

Manufacturing processes

Woodwork joints

Drawing types



1 hour, 50 marks

How long will it last?

What types of questions will be in the assessment?

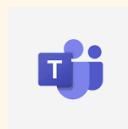
Written Exam

Knowledge & Understanding Questions

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Mr Sheridan site



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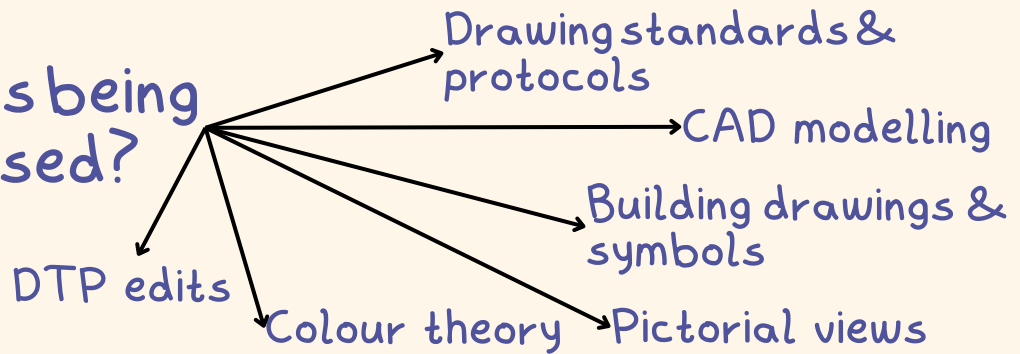
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Graphic Communication

What is being assessed?

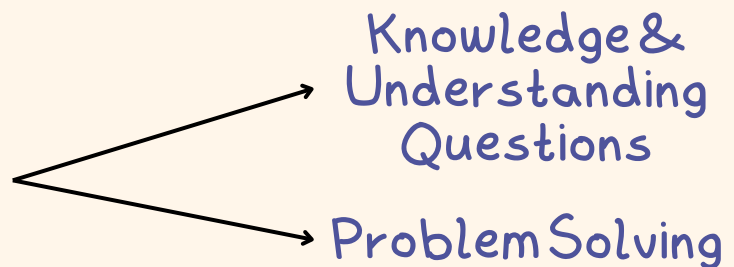


1 hour, 50 marks

How long will it last?

What types of questions will be in the assessment?

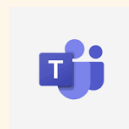
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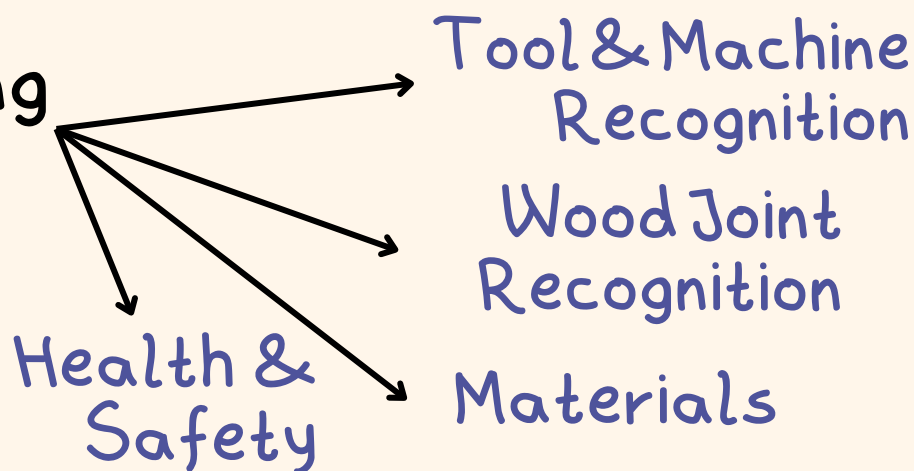
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Practical Woodwork

What is being assessed?



How long will it last?



50 minutes – 50 marks

What types of questions will be in the assessment?

Written Exam → Knowledge & Understanding Questions

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S3 SOCIAL SUBJECTS

Anthropology

What is being assessed?

Your ability to reflect on your time in Anthropology and evaluate your place in the world.



45 minutes

How long will it last?

What types of questions will be in the assessment?

Reflective, evaluative, describing and explaining questions.

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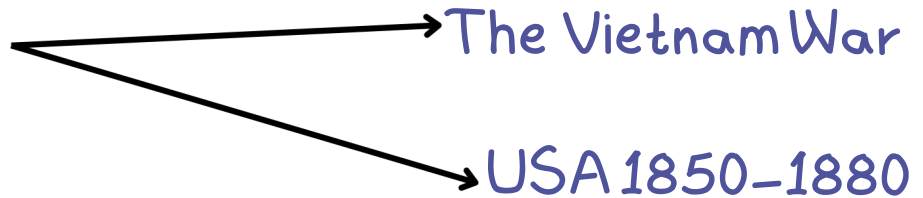
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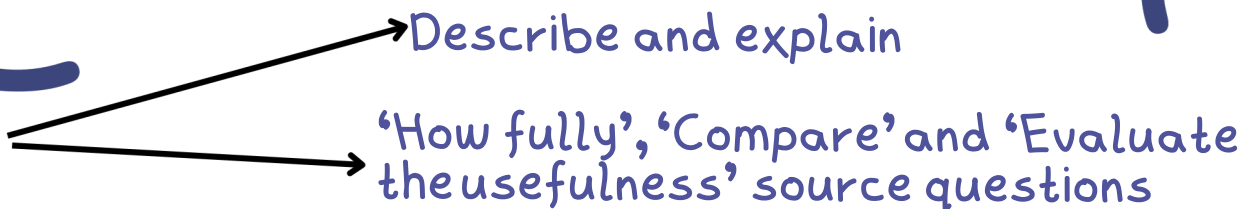
History

What is being assessed?



How long will it last? 45 minutes

What types of questions will be in the assessment?



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Problems going West

Punishments on the Plantations



US Soldiers in Vietnam

Vietnam Tactics



Pupils have a printed copy of the blue Knowledge Organiser for both topics

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S3 SOCIAL SUBJECTS

Geography

What is being assessed?

Rivers
Mass Tourism
Resources



45 minutes

How long will it last?

What types of questions will be in the assessment?

Knowledge and
Understanding & Skills
Based Questions

Multiple Choice
Describe Questions
Explain Questions

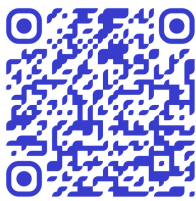
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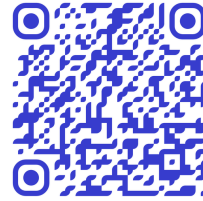
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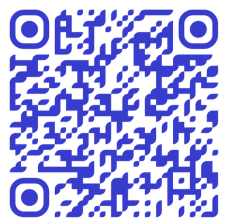
Rivers



HEP



Fossil
Fuels



Tourism

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S3 SOCIAL SUBJECTS

Modern Studies

What is being assessed?

International Terrorism
Pressure Groups in the UK

Source skills



How long will it last? 45 minutes

What types of questions will be in the assessment?

Describe and explain

Using evidence from different sources to make and justify a decision

Where will I find revision materials to help my child?

Quiz 1 Pressure Groups



Quiz 2 Pressure Groups



Quiz 3 Terrorism



Information Sheets



All revision materials are on the class team

