

Curriculum Overview / Revision Guide

Year 6	Subject – Mathematics	Term – Michaelmas
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Topics covered	<p>Review of Year 3-5 topics</p> <p>Exercises from the textbooks that can be helpful for revision are listed below</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four operations (Chapter 3) • Number properties and vocabulary (Chapter 2) • Fractions, decimals, percentages (Chapter 5 pp. 61-71, Chapter 10 pp. 161-162) • Ratios and proportion (Chapter 11 pp. 173-178) • Sequences (Chapter 20) • Perimeter and area (Chapter 9) • Angle laws (Chapter 13 pp. 203-205) • 2D and 3D shapes (Chapter 18) • Transformations (Chapter 17) • Averages (Chapter 16 pp. 268-269) • Probability (Chapter 6) • BIDMAS (Chapter 1 pp. 11) <p>Please use <i>mymaths.co.uk</i> for helpful revision lessons and activities</p> <p>Log-in: wccs / password: decimal</p>	
Christmas exam details	Exam format	1 hour – written exam with mixed questions on all topics
	Further revision required	<p>You can download the ‘WCCS Junior School Mathematics Syllabus’ from the website</p> <p>Boys should be proficient in all topics covered in Year 3 to Year 5 as listed on the syllabus. Every Year 6 pupil also has a hard copy in their yellow maths folder</p> <p>Please also learn all the formulae and facts on the WCCS <i>Junior Maths Silver Card</i> which every Year 6 boy has in his yellow maths folder</p>

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Year 6	Subject – English	Term – Michaelmas
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Topics covered	<p>Comprehension Boys will learn to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • find information or ideas • identify meaning beyond the literal • explain the effect of a writer’s choice of words (verbs, adjectives, adverbs etc) and imagery (similes, metaphors, personification etc) • analyse the text as a whole • select short quotations and embed them correctly <p>Composition Boys will learn to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • create a vivid and clear setting • describe characters • base ideas on personal experience • use literary devices (similes, metaphors, onomatopoeia etc) and a broad vocabulary • develop a simple plot with a short time frame • use a range of sentence structures and sentence lengths <p>Punctuation Full stops, capitals letters, question marks, exclamation marks, direct speech, apostrophes, semi-colons and colons</p> <p>Grammar Nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, pronouns, prepositions and simple, compound and complex sentences. Boys will also learn the basics of parsing a sentence</p>	
Christmas exam details	Exam Format	2 papers 1 hr 15 mins – prose comprehension and composition 1 hr 15 mins – poetry comprehension, punctuation and grammar
	Further revision required	There will be a 35 minute punctuation and grammar test and 35 minute comprehension test in Week 5 to monitor progress

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Year 6	Subject – Science	Term – Michaelmas
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Topics covered	<p>Textbook – Blue Science ISEB Year 6 book (Chapters 1, 2, 3 and 8)</p> <p>Biology: animal classification and healthy living Boys will learn:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that every living organism is categorised into one of the five kingdoms, based on its characteristics • that there are similarities and differences between each kingdom • that we belong to the animal kingdom • the differences between vertebrates and invertebrates, and how to recognise these • how to classify organisms using keys • how to create a classification key • which nutrients we need for growth and repair • how the circulatory system works • how the human body moves, including different types of bones and joints • how common diseases are caused by microbes <p>Physics: electricity Boys will learn:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • how to make a series circuits • how to draw a circuits diagram • scientific symbols for each electrical component • the dangers of a short circuit 	
Christmas exam details	Exam format	1 hour – written exam with short answer questions and some longer responses
	Further revision required	None

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Year 6	Subject – French	Term – Michaelmas
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Topics covered	<p>Textbook – Tricolore Total Book II</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shops / shopping (using au / à la / à l' to say "at the..." with shops) (p.157) • Quantities (p10, p19) • Present tense of all types of regular verbs (p.7, p.9, p.12, p.16, p.160) • Present tense of <i>acheter, préférer, compléter</i> (grave accents) • Present tense of <i>aller</i> (p.28, p.161) • Using <i>aller</i> + infinitive to talk about the future (p.28, p.160) • Countries in Europe (p.22, p.35) • Transport (p.35) • Prepositions with countries (au / en / aux) (p.24, p.158) 	
Christmas exam details	Exam format	<p>1 hour</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading (gap-filling / multiple choice / matching pictures to vocabulary items) • Writing (writing sentences based on visual or written stimulus) • Conjugation of verbs • Comprehension
	Further revision required	<p>Several of the grammar topics this term rely completely on sound knowledge of gender, so revising the gender of nouns along with their meaning is absolutely essential</p>

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Year 6S	Subject – Classics	Term – Michaelmas
Topics covered	<p>Text Book: <i>Latin for Common Entrance One</i> by N.R.R. Oulton</p> <p>Grammar and syntax</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present tense of <i>sum</i> & <i>amo</i> • Imperfect tense of <i>sum</i> & <i>amo</i> • Nouns: 1st declension: <i>puella</i> in all cases • Personal pronouns in nominative & accusative • Word order and translation technique • Introduction to 2nd declension masculine nouns: <i>dominus</i> • 2nd declension neuter nouns: <i>bellum</i> • Present infinitive • Adjectives: <i>bonus</i>-type • Agreement of adjectives • Prepositions which take the accusative and ablative <p>Vocabulary</p> <p>All words Chapters 1 – 4 in <i>Latin for Common Entrance One</i></p> <p>Classical Civilisation</p> <p>Army: organisation, equipment</p>	
Christmas exam details	Exam Format	<p>1 hour</p> <p>Question 1 (15 marks) – Boys will be asked a series of questions to test comprehension of the first paragraph (20 words or so) of an edited passage</p> <p>Question 2 (30 marks) – Boys will be asked to translate into good English the second paragraph (about 25 words) of the passage</p> <p>Question 3 (20 marks) – Boys will be asked a series of questions to test their knowledge of the grammar. They will also be asked to perform some simple manipulation of the language and some translation into Latin, using vocabulary provided</p>
	Further revision required	None

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Year 6R	Subject – Classics	Term – Michaelmas
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Topics covered	<p>Text Book: <i>Latin for Common Entrance One</i> by N.R.R. Oulton</p> <p>Curriculum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verb endings and persons, present tense of <i>sum</i> & <i>amo</i> • Nouns: 1st declension: <i>puella</i> in all cases • Personal pronouns in nominative & accusative • Introduction to 2nd declension masculine nouns: <i>dominus</i> • 2nd declension neuter nouns: <i>bellum</i> • Present infinitive • Prepositions which take the accusative and ablative <p>Vocabulary</p> <p>All words from chapters 1 – 4 in <i>Latin for Common Entrance One</i></p> <p>Classical Civilisation</p> <p>Army: organisation, equipment</p>	
Christmas exam details	Exam format	<p>1 hour</p> <p>Question 1 (15 marks) – Boys will be asked a series of questions to test comprehension of the first paragraph (20 words or so) of an edited passage</p> <p>Question 2 (30 marks) – Boys will be asked to translate into good English the second paragraph (about 25 words) of the passage</p> <p>Question 3 (20 marks) – Boys will be asked a series of questions to test their knowledge of grammar. They will also be asked to perform some simple manipulation of the language and some translation into Latin, using vocabulary provided</p>
	Further revision required	None

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Year 6	Subject – Religious Studies	Term – Michaelmas
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Topics covered	<p>The New Testament</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Trinity • God the Son, the Redeemer • Annunciation • Visitation • Incarnation • The hidden years • Jesus’s Baptism • Jesus’s public life • Parables & miracles <p>The boys will also be taught about prayer in the first two weeks of the term. There will be regular tests throughout the term to check understanding.</p>	
Christmas exam details	Exam format	<p>45 minutes</p> <p>Section 1 Define key terms</p> <p>Sections 2 & 3 Focusing on a topic above, boys will be expected to describe a bible story using a painting and own knowledge, answer both short comprehension questions, and opinion-based questions</p>
	Further revision required	Reading the Bible they have been given and knowing the stories in the New Testament

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Topics covered	The Romans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roman Britain • Caesar • Claudius and the invasion • Christianity and Constantine • The fall of the Roman empire • Byzantium 	
Christmas exam details	Exam format	1 hour Short answer questions, longer paragraph questions and one essay question
	Further revision required	None

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Year 6	Subject – Geography	Term – Michaelmas
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Topics covered	<p>Plate tectonics</p> <p>Theory</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the structure of the Earth and how are the layers different? • What are plates and how do they move? • What are the four major plate boundaries and how do they operate? <p>Earthquakes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is an earthquake? • What were the causes, effects and responses of the Haiti earthquake? <p>Tsunamis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is a tsunami? • How did the Boxing Day tsunami affect the lives of children in Asia? 	
Christmas exam details	Exam format	<p>1 hour</p> <p>Short-answer questions with some paragraph-long answers</p>
	Further revision required	None

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Year 6	Subject – Music	Term – Michaelmas
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Topics covered	<p>Folk music part 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whole-class singing • Part-singing • British Isles folk songs • American folk songs • European folk songs • Year 6 concert preparation <p>Folk music part 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Words to rhythm exercises • Time signatures and dotted rhythms • Compound time • Compose rhythm to folk words • Compose folk melody • Some to attempt harmonic accompaniment • Some to orchestrate existing folk song 	
Christmas exam details	Exam format	No exam
	Further revision required	None

For more information about class music contact Mark Kennedy.

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Year: 6	Subject – Reasoning	Term – Michaelmas
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Topics covered	<p>Practice tests for verbal reasoning tests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alphabetical order • Jumbled words • Single & double letter series • Compound words • Simple letter codes • Change one word into another • Using letters for numbers • Moving one letter to make two new letters • Complete the two words • Finding the hidden words • Using grids for information • Matching pairs • Three missing letters make a word <p>Practice tests for non-verbal reasoning tests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many fit inside? • Which shape is similar? • Which one is different? • Find the shaded fraction of equal value • Where is it hidden? • What comes next? • Give the next number • Which shape is the same but facing the opposite direction? • How does it look, folded in / opened out? • Give the next number & supply the missing numbers • What shape now, after adding / subtracting? • Which completes the matching pair? • Which two shapes are exactly the same? • Fill in the addition table 	
Christmas exam details	Exam format	No Christmas exam, but the ISEB Common pre-tests in November contain verbal and non-verbal elements
	Further revision required	Bofa 11++ 50-min tests in NVR/VR/English & Maths

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