



Ark Charter
Academy

Assessment Point 2

Year 13

Parent Information Booklet

This booklet contains details of the assessments that your child will be taking in the upcoming half term. These assessments will take place during mock weeks (Monday 19th February – Friday 9th March). Please refer to the assessment timetable overleaf, in some subjects the date the students will sit their assessment varies depending on which class they are in.

You will receive an interim report following these assessments so you can see how your child is progressing.

Please contact a.johnson@charteracademy.org.uk if you have any other queries about the assessments.

Monday 19th February – Friday 9th March

19	20	21	22	23
P1/P2/P3 A Level Geography Mock Paper 1 2h30m P4	P1 P2 P3 P4	P1/P2 A Level Mathematics Mock M1 1h30m P3 P4	P1/P2/P3 A Level Biology Mock Paper 1 2h P4	P1/P2/P3 A Level Physics Mock Paper 2 2h P4
P5/P6/P7 A Level Physics Mock Paper 1 2h	P5 P6 P7	P5/P6/P7 A Level History Mock Paper 1 2h15m	P5/P6/P7 A Level English Literature Paper 1 2h15m	P5/P6/P7 A Level Geography Mock Paper 2 2h30m
26	27	28	1 March	2
P1/P2 A Level Computer Science Mock Paper 1 1h30m P3 P4	P1 P2 P3 P4	P1 P2 P3 P4	P1/P2/P3 A Level Physics Mock Paper 3 2h P4	P1/P2 A Level Computer Science Mock Paper 2 1h30m P1/P2/P3 A Level English Literature Mock Paper 3 2h15m P4
P5/P6/P7 A Level Biology Mock Paper 2 2h	P5/P6 A Level English Literature Paper 2 1h P7	P5/P6 A Level History Mock Paper 2 1h30m P7	P5 P6 P7	P5 P6 P7
5	6	7	8	9
P1/P2/P3 A Level Biology Mock Paper 3 2h P4 P5 P6 P7	P1/P2/P3 A Level History Mock Paper 3 2h15m P4 P5/P6 A Level Mathematics Mock C3 1h30m P7	P1 P2 P3 P4 P5 P6 P7	P1 P2 P3 P4 P5 P6 P7	P1/P2 A Level Mathematics Mock C4 1h30m P3 P4 P5 P6 P7



Assessment title:

January mock exams. Your child will sit all three papers; one on poetry, one on prose and one on drama.

Students will be finalising their coursework pieces based upon the feedback given by their teacher.

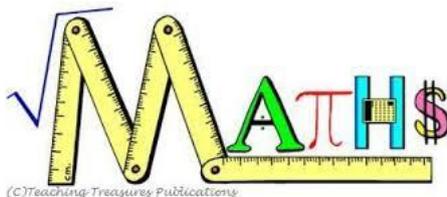
Topics covered:

- A Streetcar Named Desire by Tennessee Williams
- The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood
- Othello by William Shakespeare
- Frankenstein by Mary Shelley
- A selection of poems from the 'Poems of the Decade' anthology
- A selection of poems from the 'Romantics' poetry anthology

How you can help your child to achieve their best:

All students have been given revision guides for each of the main texts studied in the A Level English Literature course and these will have sample exam questions for students to complete in order to test their knowledge and exam skills. For the poetry section, students should take their anthology home and read through the annotations they have made in class; there is also information on these poets on the BCC Bitesize website. They have been advised to spend a minimum of three hours a week revising English so parents and carers can support their child by ensuring that they have a quiet space in which to complete this revision. Students are also set revision activities on a weekly basis; ensuring that these are completed to a high standard will help students to be fully prepared for the upcoming mock exams.

Finally, students will be finalising their coursework over the coming weeks so support from home in ensuring that time is spent doing this would be much appreciated.



How your child will be assessed:

In Spring 2 all students in Year 13 will be sitting three exam papers. All exams are 90 minutes long. The three papers will be Core 3, Core 4 and Mechanics 1. The papers will be a set of questions that cover the topics that have been taught this year. We have covered all of the course in Core 3 and most of the course for Mechanics 1 and Core 4 so the mock exam will assess students understanding of all topics. These exams will give us a very clear picture of what students have understood in year 13 and what aspects of these topics that students still need to work on.

Students who are taking resits in year 12 modules will be offered the opportunity to sit a mock exam paper in this module if they wish to do so. They will need to arrange this with Mrs Rook and they will sit the exam in their own time outside of lessons.

How you can help your child revise:

Maths is best revised in regular short sessions. 30 to 50 minutes every night is far more beneficial than several solid hours on the weekend.

Students have all of the past exam questions that have been given as homework's which I would suggest they re-work through.

Students all have a large amount of review past paper exam questions in the text book which they will need to work through in the build up to the exams.

Students can access past paper questions either in the form of whole papers or topic focused questions from the Maths and Physics tutor website, which students are all familiar with.

Student can collect past papers from Mrs Rook if they want extra papers.



A-level Biology

How your child will be assessed:

There will be regular end of topic assessments to assess understanding and application of concepts as they are learnt.

There will be several assessments of practical work contributing to CPAC (common practical assessment criteria).

In addition to the Autumn content students will be assessed on their entire knowledge of the course. Topic areas can be seen below:

- 1 – Biological molecules
- 2 – Cells
- 3 – Organisms exchange substances with their environment
- 4 – Genetic information, variation and relationships between organisms
- 5 – Energy transfers in and between organisms
- 6 – Organisms respond to changes in their internal and external environments
- 7 – Genetics, populations, evolution and ecosystems
- 8 – The control of gene expression

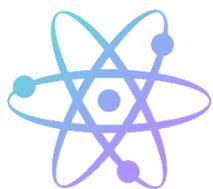
Students will be sitting a full series of exams in the Spring mocks.

How you can help your child at home:

Ensure that they are ready and able to attend all sessions promptly.

Please discuss with students at home the content they have covered this year, students should be encouraged to approach their teachers prior to the half term with any areas of concern.

Provide a safe, quiet space where your student can complete homework, independent learning and write up lesson notes.



A-level Physics

How your child will be assessed:

There will be regular end of topic assessments to assess understanding and application of concepts as they are learnt.

There will be several assessments of practical work contributing to CPAC (common practical assessment criteria).

Students will be completing a full set of exams during the January / February mocks which will cover the entire course.

Topic information can be found below:

- 1 – Measurements & their errors
- 2 – Particles and radiation
- 3 – Waves
- 4 – Mechanics and materials
- 5 – Electricity
- 6 – Further mechanics & thermal physics
- 7 – Fields and their consequences
- 8 – Nuclear physics

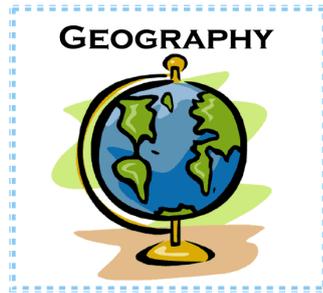
Option - Astrophysics

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This half term has been focused on the unit 'Global Systems and Global Governance' from paper 2.

The Assessment

Y13 will sit a full mock:

Paper 1: Physical Geography (Coasts, Hazards, Water and Carbon cycle)

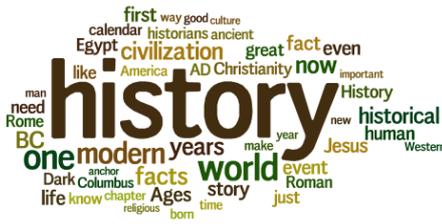
Paper 2: Human Geography (Global systems and governance, Changing Places)

Your child should revise by:

- Reading through their classwork
- Revising key concepts and important geographical concepts
- Extended reading to develop knowledge and understanding.
- Use the textbooks to build understanding and complete the questions to practice.

You can help by:

- Testing them on key concepts/words and geographical concepts
- Encouraging them to complete revision at home
- Asking them to use geographical terms to describe the world around them



How your child will be assessed:

- Paper 1: Communist Russia 1917-91, 2 hours and 15 minutes
- Paper 2: German Democratic Republic 1945-91, 1 hour and 30 minutes
- Paper 3: Warfare through time, 2 hours and 15 minutes.
- It will be carried out in hornpipe.
- Silent and independent work, without use of books, notes or plan
- All assessment questions will be unseen before the exam

Topics covered:

Communist Russia:

- Changes in government
- Changes in the economy
- Changes in the use of terror
- Changes in life in Russia
- Gorbachev and the fall of the Soviet Union

German Democratic Republic:

- Creation of the GDR
- Government in the GDR
- Economy in the GDR
- Life in the GDR
- The fall of the GDR

Warfare through time:

- The French Wars
- The Crimean War
- The Boer War
- WWI

How you can help your child at home:

You can help your child to revise using the revision they create in class. This could be testing them on key words, dates or people. They also receive revision homework that focuses on the Cold War. Please make sure they complete this.

Business Studies



What has been covered in the term:

Students have been continuing to complete the numerous coursework units required for the qualification. This term has seen the students plan and run an Enterprise event as well as demonstrate their ability to work in a team as a participant and a leader. Students are also required to pitch a business proposal to a potential investor. During this term, students also attended another network event giving them additional opportunities to work with colleagues in the network and meet potential employers.

What the assessment covers:

The students' assessment will be based on the work they have been doing in lessons throughout this year. This includes the following topics.

- Planning an event
- Running an event
- Evaluating an event
- Teamwork
- Leadership
- Presentation skills

Nature of the Assessment:

The assessment for this term will be taken from the students' coursework. They will be assessed on their ability to plan, implement and evaluate a small enterprise project. For this students will be required to demonstrate key skills required for successful employment along with a written report outlining the successes and failures of their project.

How the student can revise:

Revision for the assessment is vital. There are a number of ways that students can revise for Business Studies including:

- Students can access their own work from their books or the computer network to check what they have done.
- Students can access the lesson resources in the Student Shared Area (this includes mock exams and mark schemes).
- Use online resources to help (Many are available but Tutor2U, Business Studies Online and BBC Bitesize are all good).
- Actively discuss businesses and experiences with them.

How you can help your child at home:

Wherever possible, your contribution to the student's success is encouraged. There are several ways in which you can do this including:

- Making a suitable, quiet revision space available.
- Ask them to share with you what they learnt in lessons and challenge misconceptions.
- Share news stories relating to business in real life.
- Share your experiences of the working environment with them.
- Ask them to demonstrate their knowledge of key terms with you.



Computer Science

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