

The Bourne Academy



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Year 8 End of Year Assessment Support Booklet

1st – 5th of June 2026

English

Students will sit one 45-minute writing examination in class, and one 45-minute formal reading examination in the hall. Each paper will form 50% of their final grade. The in-class assessment will be a writing assessment for which students will be prepared during lesson time. The formal reading examination will assess the knowledge, and skills students have obtained throughout their time in Year 7 and 8 so far. There will be a combination of multiple-choice questions as well as answers which require the students to write a detailed response in full sentences.

Topics to be covered in the exams:

- **Writing**
 - Descriptive Writing
 - Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar
- **Reading Section A: Knowledge Organiser**
 - Spring Knowledge Organiser
 - Summer Knowledge Organiser
- **Unseen fiction extract**
 - Language and structure terminology
 - Identifying structural methods
 - Inference skills
- **Reading Section B: Unseen non-fiction extract**
 - Comprehension
 - Language methods
 - Language analysis

Revision and preparation resources to support students:

- **Section A: Knowledge Organiser**
 - Spring and Summer Knowledge Organiser
- **Section B: Unseen fiction extract**
 - Language and structure terminology: (although this resource is aimed at KS4 students, it is also suitable for students in KS3)
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/z839dmn/revision/1>
 - Identifying structural methods: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zq6vg82/revision/3>
 - Inference skills: [Seneca - Learn 2x Faster \(senecalearning.com\)](https://www.senecalearning.com)
- **Section B: Unseen non-fiction extract**
 - Comprehension and critical reading: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zfwpd6f>
 - Language methods and analysis:
[How to investigate language in non-fiction texts for KS3 English students - BBC Bitesize](https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/z839dmn/revision/1)

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Mathematics

Students will sit one 50-minute examination. This will be a non-calculator examination. It will assess the knowledge, and skills students have obtained throughout their time in Year 8, as well as their general mathematical skills.

Topics to be covered in the exams:

- Sequences
- Forming and solving equations
- Forming and solving inequalities
- Accuracy and estimation
- Linear Graphs
- Prime factors
- Fractions Decimals and percentages
- Operations with fractions
- Percentages
- Ratio
- Angles in Polygons

Revision and preparation resources to support students:

Students should use the following Sparx codes to revise the specific topics coming up in the assessment. Their Mathematics teacher will show students how to search for these topics on Sparx.

Overview	Sparx Independent learning codes – KS3 curriculum			
Sequences	M241	M381		
Forming and solving equations	M327	M509	M175	
Forming and solving inequalities	M384	M118		
Accuracy and Estimation	M111	M994	M878	
Linear Graphs	M797	M932	M544	
Prime factors	M108			
Fractions Decimals and percentages	M158	M335	M695	M264
Operations with fractions	M835	M157	M671	M110
Percentages	M437	M835		
Ratio	M885	M886	M478	M267
Angles in Polygons	M351	M319	M679	

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Science

Students will sit one 50-minute examination. This examination allows calculators. It will assess the knowledge and skills students have obtained across their lessons in Year 8.

Topics to be covered in the exams:

Biology Topics: Respiration, Photosynthesis and Reproduction

Chemistry Topics: Metal Reactions, Combustion and The Reactivity Series

Physics Topics: Energy Resources, Work and Energy

Revision and preparation resources to support students:

Students can access BBC Bitesize online, read the content, watch the videos and complete the quiz questions to check their understanding.

TOPIC	REVISION LINK
Respiration	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zvrrd2p/articles/zdqx2v4 https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zvrrd2p/articles/zcsbmsg
Photosynthesis	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zvrrd2p/articles/zn4sv9q https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/znyycdm/articles/z2vrr2p
Reproduction	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zybbkqt https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zpffr82
Metal Reactions	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zypsgk7/articles/zb7wwnb https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zn6hvcw/articles/zvfxxbk
Combustion	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zypsgk7/articles/zcwxcj6
Reactivity Series	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z3ksp4j/articles/z7jpsk7
Energy Resources	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zc3g87h/articles/zdycr2p
Work and Energy	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zc3g87h/articles/znw7jsg

Students can also use their knowledge organisers and any materials uploaded to Satchel One by their class teacher.

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Art

Students will complete one 50-minute written and practical assessment. This will assess the knowledge and skills that students have obtained throughout their time in Year 8. The assessment will measure their knowledge and understanding of Pop Art, 'Plastic Ocean', and their painting skills.

Topics to be covered in the exam:

- Pop Art
- Plastic Ocean
- Painting

Revision and preparation resources to support students:

Students should use their Knowledge Organisers and sketchbooks to prepare for this assessment.

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Geography

Students will sit one 50-minute examination. It will assess the knowledge students have obtained in the spring & summer term as well as geographical skills that students have learned throughout the year.

Topics to be covered in the exams:

- Knowledge of key terms throughout the spring and summer term.
- Writing a CLOCC location.
- Primary & Secondary Impacts of earthquakes. The impacts of earthquakes - Sichuan earthquake, China, 2008.
- Impacts of coltan mining on people and the environment.
- The recommended contents of an earthquake survival kit and the reasons why particular items are included.
- Creation of a line graph & analysis of a climate graph.

Revision and preparation resources to support students:

Primary & Secondary impacts	Tectonic hazards - earthquakes and tsunamis guide for KS3 geography students - BBC Bitesize
Impacts of earthquakes	2008 Sichuan earthquake Facts for Kids
Coltan Mining	Gorillas, smartphones and coltan mining: children's author Gill Lewis on 'Gorilla Dawn'
Earthquake survival kits	https://www.cbsnews.com/sanfrancisco/news/top-10-earthquake-survival-kit-must-haves/
Line graphs	Line Graphs (mathsisfun.com)
Climate graphs	https://www.internetgeography.net/topics/what-are-climate-graphs/

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Religious Studies

Students will sit one 45-minute examination. This will assess the subject knowledge that the students have covered so far. It will also incorporate the application of key skills such as evaluation. There will be a combination of multiple-choice questions as well as questions which require a detailed response.

Topics to be covered in the exams:

- Human Rights
- Morals & Forgiveness
- Crime & Punishment

Revision and preparation resources to support students:

- All knowledge organisers
- Revision materials created in class
- [Morals, ethics and philosophy - KS3 Religious Studies - BBC Bitesize](https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zkdk382)
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Drama

Students will sit one 30-minute theory examination. Within the theory exam, students will be assessed on their ability to apply subject specific vocabulary.

The practical examination has been an ongoing assessment throughout the topic which has been assessed on both devising, and technical abilities within the use of Trestle Masks.

Topics to be covered in the exams: The Use of Trestle and Commedia De'Il Arte Masks.

- The Rules of Mask
- Skills and Techniques used within mask work

Revision and preparation resources to support students:

- Students can use their Spring/Summer Knowledge Organiser

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History

Students will sit one 50-minute examination. It will assess the knowledge, and skills students have obtained since the start of Year 8.

Topics to be covered in the exams:

- Women's suffrage movement (General Knowledge from KO)
- The First World War (General Knowledge from KO)
- Source Analysis
- Conflict in the 20th Century (General Knowledge from KO)
- Interpretation Analysis
- The Holocaust (General Knowledge from KO as well as persecution against Jews before the Second World War in countries other than Germany, what life was like for Jews living in ghettos in Germany and laws passed in Germany to make life harder for Jews 1933-1942)
- The Second World War (General Knowledge from KO)

Revision and preparation resources to support students:

- All knowledge organisers (Autumn, Spring and Summer)
- Your class teacher will do a revision lesson with you before half term
- Women's Suffrage Movement: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z6gh6g8#zrf3vwx>
- The First World War: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z4crd2p>
- The Holocaust: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zt48dp3#zxpvywx>
- Persecution of Jews 1933-1939: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z6ck8hv>
- The Second World War: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z6vff82#zpg33j6>

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Computing

Students will sit two combined 25-minute examinations, a computer assessment and paper-based questions. This will assess the knowledge, and skills students have obtained throughout their time in computing.

Topics to be covered in the exams:

- Excel – Functions, Graphs
- Data Dashboards/Modelling
- Databases
- Data Types
- Photoshop

Revision and preparation resources to support students to prepare:

- Spring and Summer Knowledge Organisers
- Satchel One Revision Quiz

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Spanish

Students will sit one 5-minute speaking assessment with their class teacher. They will be asked a series of questions based on the topics we have covered throughout the year. They should answer with as much detail as they can.

Topics to be covered in the exams:

- ¿Qué haces cuando hace calor? (What do you do when it is hot weather?)
 - Extend with an opinion and then what you do when the weather isn't good.
- ¿Qué te gusta hacer en tu tiempo libre? (What do you like to do in your free time?)
 - Extend by giving a reason why you like doing something and then give something you don't like doing.
- ¿Qué ropa llevas cuando vas al colegio? (What clothes do you wear when you go to school?)
 - Extend to include the colours of the clothes and say whether you like/dislike them.
- Describe tu barrio. (Describe your neighbourhood)
 - Extend by saying what there is/isn't in your neighbourhood.
- ¿Qué se puede hacer en tu barrio? (What can you do in your neighbourhood?)
 - Extend by giving opinions about what you like to do.

Skills to be covered in the exams:

- Speaking

Revision and preparation resources to support students:

Students can use the knowledge organisers to revise.

They can also revise using language gym.

[Language Gym - Select your language](#) – click on the link, then click on the yellow book (Trilogy 2).

They will have covered Units 1-8, so they can select any of those topics to revise.

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Music

Students will complete two assessments. One 50-minute practical and one 45-minute theory assessment (written paper). The practical exam will assess their performance and technical skills on the Keyboard and Ukulele, whilst the theory paper will assess their knowledge on the styles of music they have studied, and their ability to apply subject specific vocabulary.

Topics to be covered in the exams:

- Keyboard Knowledge
- Music Theory
- Ukulele knowledge
- Time Signatures
- Key Signatures
- Notes on the keyboard

Practical – Performance

Revision and preparation resources to support students:

- Knowledge Organisers

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TED

Students will sit one 55-minute examination. This will assess the knowledge, and skills students have obtained throughout their time in Year 8. The examination will assess topics covered in projects students have studied so far. The examination will be a mix of short and longer response written questions and a series of keyword definitions.

Theory topics to be covered in the exam:

Material properties	Sustainable designing and the environment	Sustainable manufacturing and the environment
Impact of new technologies on design and manufacture	Use of ergonomics when designing products	Use of anthropometrics when designing products
Electronic components	Renewable energy	

Revision and preparation resources to support students:

Students can use their Autumn, Spring and Summer Knowledge Organiser to revise, along with revision resources provided from revision lessons. These will be made available on Satchel One.

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Dance

Students will sit a 50-minute examination, one practical assessment (25 marks) and one theoretical assessment (written paper worth 25 marks). The practical examination will assess their choreographic and technical abilities. Within the theory exam they will be assessed on their understanding of how professional dance works, how to communicate stimuli, and their ability to use relevant and specific dance vocabulary.

Topics to be covered in the theory exam:

- Dance through the decades
- Choreography
- Bollywood
- Swansong

Practical

- To be able to reproduce taught motifs with accuracy and understanding.
- To be able to choreograph in response to a brief.
- To be able to use relevant dance vocabulary when appropriate.

Theory

- Analyse the professional work Swansong.
- Analyse the stylistic features and key information of different dance styles.
- Define key dance terms.

Revision and preparation resources to support students:

- Students can use their Autumn, Spring and Summer Knowledge Organiser to revise and homework activities on Satchel One.

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Hospitality & Catering (food)

Students will sit one 40-minute examination. It will assess the knowledge, and skills students have obtained over the year.

Topics to be covered in the exams:

- Kitchen hygiene and safety
- Skills and techniques
- Food hygiene and bacteria
- Cooking methods and techniques

Revision and preparation resources to support students:

- Knowledge organisers and revision quizzes on Satchel One

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Physical Education

Students will sit a 30-minute written exam based on the knowledge they have gained throughout their lessons. This will make up 50% of their grade.

Topics covered in the exam:

- Athletics
- Rules
- Tactics
- Technique

Practical Assessment:

Students will be assessed in each of the practical sports that they have covered in lessons. An average score across all the sports will make up 50% of their grade.

Revision and preparation resources to support students:

- Knowledge Organisers
- Satchel One Quizzes

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