

St. Mary's

Grammar School, Magherafelt.



Year 9

Revision Booklet

December 2026

Pupil's Name:	
Class:	
Parent / Guardian:	

ROOMING

9A	9B	9C	9D	9E	9F
D6	D4	H1	H4	H3	H5



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LITERACY FOCUS 2026-2027

Unpack the question to unlock the answer.



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<u>Analyse</u> Break down information and look at the different parts	<u>Estimate</u> Make an educated guess	<u>Apply</u> Use knowledge in a practical way
<u>Evaluate</u> Make a judgement based on evidence	<u>Argue</u> Give reasons for and against something	<u>Examine</u> Investigate closely and in detail
<u>Assess</u> Make an informed judgement	<u>Explain</u> Give reasons why or how	<u>Calculate</u> Work out the answer
<u>Explore</u> Investigate without jumping to conclusions	<u>Comment</u> Give an informed opinion	<u>Give</u> Provide an answer from memory
<u>Compare</u> Point out similarities	<u>Identify</u> Name, label or recognise	<u>Complete</u> Finish a task by adding information
<u>Illustrate</u> Give examples to explain	<u>Consider</u> Think carefully about	<u>Interpret</u> Explain the meaning of
<u>Contrast</u> Point out differences	<u>Justify</u> Give evidence to support reasons	<u>Criticise</u> Point out the good and the bad compared to what was expected
<u>Outline</u> Summarise the main points	<u>Debate</u> Discuss different views	<u>Prove</u> Use evidence to show something is right
<u>Deduce</u> Reach a conclusion from information provided	<u>Relate</u> Show connections between things	<u>Define</u> State the meaning of
<u>Review</u> Survey and summarise	<u>Describe</u> Say what something is like using details and examples	<u>State</u> Express clearly

SUBJECT REVISION LISTS



English

ENGLISH REVISION LIST

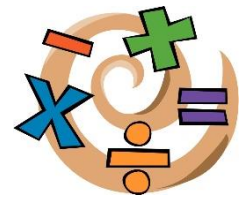
INFORMATION FOR CHRISTMAS TEST:

- You will be given one statement to use for your functional/ persuasive writing task;
- You will have 1 hour to complete the task (5 mins preparation; 50 mins writing; 5 mins checking).

SUCCESS CRITERIA:

- You must show an awareness of purpose, audience and form;
- You should use a wide range of language/persuasive devices to create impact on the reader;
- Ensure that you construct an effective opening and ending;
- Construct persuasive arguments throughout your response;
- Vary sentence structure and punctuation to create effect;
- Use ambitious vocabulary choices;
- Consider other perspectives in your response.
- Use spelling, punctuation and grammar accurately.

Mathematics



MATHEMATICS REVISION LIST
Topic 1: Algebra
Topic 2: Ratio
Topic 3: Sequences
Topic 4: Quadrilaterals and Volume of prisms

Science



SCIENCE REVISION LIST
Atomic Structure
Diet and Digestion
Forces
Periodic Table

Religion



RELIGION REVISION LIST
Morality
Morality and Social Media
Moral vision of Jesus
Sheep and the Goats
Ten Commandments
Sin
Prodigal Son
Unmerciful Servant

Geography

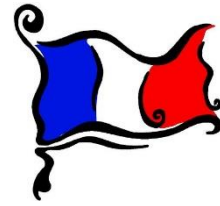
GEOGRAPHY REVISION LIST
Ecosystems
The frozen planet



History

HISTORY REVISION LIST
The reasons for the Reformation: Martin Luther/ key criticisms of the Church. Protestant and catholic beliefs/ differences between Catholic and Protestant churches
The key reasons why Henry VIII broke from Rome: power/ religion/ money/love
Religious changes under the Tudors: identify the key changes which took place in religion under each of the Tudor monarchs
Henry VIII and his wives: be able to identify Henry's wives based on their description
Spanish Armada : the causes religious differences/ marriage rejection/ privateers/ civil war in France, catholic plots and the Dutch revolt
The course of the Armada: key events and turning points in the Battle
Reasons for the failure: extended writing on the key reasons for failure: weather, luck, leadership, battle tactics, ships and equipment
The Ulster Plantation background: Ireland in the 16 th Century/previous plantation settlements/ what is a plantation/ how did plantation work
The Ulster plantation: reasons for the plantation/ key people in the plantation/counties involved in the plantation/ the plantation in Derry

French



FRENCH REVISION LIST
School Subjects and Opinions
The Time
School Timetable
School Routine
Canteen Food
Morning Routine
Breakfast Foods

Irish



IRISH REVISION LIST
An Scoil (School)
Mé Féin agus Daoine Eile (Myself & Others)
Uimhreacha (Numbers)
An t-am/ Laethanta/ Dátaí (Time, Days, Dates)
Dathanna (Colours)
Prepositions (on the, in the, beside the, under the, at the)
An Teaghlach (Family members)
Peataí (Pets)

Spanish

SPANISH REVISION LIST
Unit 1: ¿Cómo es tu casa?
Unit 2: ¿Cuántas habitaciones tiene?
Unit 3: ¿Cómo es tu dormitorio?
Unit 4: ¿Qué haces en tu dormitorio?
Unit 5: ¿Cómo es tu ciudad?
Unit 6: ¿Qué hay en tu ciudad?
Unit 7: ¿Dónde se puede comprar?
Unit 8: ¿Por dónde se va al banco?



YEAR 9 REVISION SCHEDULE FOR EXAMS



Week	Subject	Topic	Tick when known	
			Pupil	Parent / Guardian check
2 Nov	English	Understand what Functional writing is; Be able to identify different types of Functional Writing; Understand and identify 'PAF' – Purpose, audience, form. Letter writing – conventions of formal and informal letter writing. Tone & purpose.		
	Maths	Topic 1: Algebra		
	French	School subjects and opinions The Time		
	Irish	Uniform Subjects Opinions and reasons Prepositions (Y8) Numbers (Y8) Days of the week/ Dates, Time (Y8)		
	Spanish	Units 1,2		
	Geography	Ecosystem key words Food chains, food webs and trophic pyramids How an ecosystem works - photosynthesis		
	History	Tudor religious changes and Henry and his wives		
	Religion	Morality/ Moral vision of Jesus		
	Science	Atomic Structure		

Week	Subject	Topic	Tick when known	
			Pupil	Parent / Guardian check
9 Nov	English	Revise language devices (page 6 of booklet) Be able to identify devices in non-fiction and apply these in your own writing. Writing a review – conventions of writing a review. Tone, purpose, layout.		
	Maths	Topic 2: Ratio		
	French	School Timetable School Routine		
	Irish	Adjectives to describe people. Colours (Y8) Pets (Y8) Family Members (Y8)		
	Spanish	Units 3,4		
	Geography	Map of Antarctica		
	History	Spanish Armada: causes and events		
	Religion	Sheep and Goats/Ten commandments		
	Science	Diet and Digestion		

Week	Subject	Topic	Tick when known	
			Pupil	Parent / Guardian check
16 Nov	English	Understand and be able to identify the key features of an article. Be able to appropriately format a Newspaper article (page 9 of booklet) Understand the key questions; Who? What? Where? Why? How? When? Be able to construct a newspaper article using a stimulus topic. (PAF) Be able to implement relevant language devices to engage the reader.		
	Maths	Topic 3: Sequences		
	French	Canteen Food		
	Irish	Describing others- how to change sentences to talk about others (I, you, he, she, we, you plural, they)		
	Spanish	Units 5,6		
	Geography	Drawing and analysing climate graphs (temperature and precipitation)		
	History	Spanish Armada failure/ Ulster plantation background		
	Religion	Sin/Prodigal Son		
	Science	Forces		

Week	Subject	Topic	Tick when known	
			Pupil	Parent / Guardian check
23 Nov	English	Persuasive writing – Be able to understand and identify the ways in which techniques can be used to persuade the reader to hold the same opinion as you. Sentence stems, starters and connectives – Revise a range of impactful statements that could be implemented in your own writing (page 13 & 14 of booklet) Be able to implement persuasive language devices in your writing. IMAFORESTCREEP		
	Maths	Topic 4: Quadrilaterals and Volume of prisms		
	French	Morning Routine Breakfast Foods		
	Irish	Possessive adjectives- Rules and nouns A written account of your best friend in Irish A written account of school in Irish (Tosaíonn, Críochnaíonn etc)		
	Spanish	Units 7,8		
	Geography	Behavioural and physical adaptation features Russia key facts Characteristics of tundra and taiga biomes, including adaptations of plants and soils to the climate		
	History	Ulster Plantation reasons and impact		
	Religion	Unmerciful servant		
	Science	Periodic Table		

EXAMINATION TIMETABLE

YEAR 9	Tuesday 1 December	Wednesday 2 December	Thursday 3 December	Friday 4 December
Session 1 <i>Periods 1 & 2</i>	Science 9.50-10.50	English 9.50-10.50	Study Day	Mathematics 9.50-10.50
Session 2 <i>Periods 3 & 4B</i>	Spanish (9A, 9C, 9D, 9F) 1.10-1.50	Irish (9B, 9C, 9E, 9F) 1.10-1.50	Study Day	French (9A, 9B, 9D, 9E) 1.10-1.50
Session 3 <i>Periods 5 & 6</i>	Religion 2.45-3.30	Geography 2.40-3.30	Study Day	History 2.30-3.30

EXAMINATION TIMETABLE (25% EXTRA TIME)

YEAR 9	Tuesday 1 December	Wednesday 2 December	Thursday 3 December	Friday 4 December
Session 1 <i>Periods 1 & 2</i>	Science 9.35-10.50	English 9.35-10.50	Study Day	Mathematics 9.35-10.50
Session 2 <i>Periods 3 & 4B</i>	Spanish (9A, 9C, 9D, 9F) 1.00-1.50	Irish (9B, 9C, 9E, 9F) 1.00-1.50	Study Day	French (9A, 9B, 9D, 9E) 1.00-1.50
Session 3 <i>Periods 5 & 6</i>	Religion 2.34-3.30	Geography 2.27-3.30	Study Day	History 2.15-3.30