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Year 7 QMA Parent Handbook 2026 - 2027

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Year 7 QMA Calendar 2026 - 2027

School Week		Eng	Ma	Sci	His	Gg	RE	Fr	Sp	Ar	Dr	Mu	Com	D&T
1	3 Sep													
2	7 Sept													
3	14 Sept													
4	21 Sept				QMA1									
5	28 Sept													
6	5 Oct													FD1
7	12 Oct											QMA1		DT1
8	19 Oct	QMA1	QMA1			QMA1	QMA1		QMA1	QMA1	QMA1	QMA1		
9	2 Nov			QMA1				QMA1					QMA1	FD2
10	9 Nov													
11	16 Nov													
12	23 Nov													
13	30 Nov													DT2
14	7 Dec				QMA2									
15	14 Dec													
16	6 Jan													
17	11 Jan					QMA2						QMA2		
18	18 Jan											QMA2		
19	25 Jan									QMA2				FD1
20	1 Feb													DT1
21	8 Feb		QMA2	QMA2				QMA2						
22	22 Feb	QMA2					QMA2		QMA2		QMA2			FD2
23	1 Mar													
24	8 Mar													
25	15 Mar													
26	22 Mar					QMA3								DT2
27	12 Apr													
28	19 Apr													
29	26 Apr				QMA3					QMA3		QMA3		
30	4 May											QMA3		
31	10 May	QMA3	QMA3						QMA3		QMA3			
32	17 May			QMA3				QMA3						FD1
33	24 May						QMA3							DT1
34	7 June													
35	14 June													FD2
36	21 June													
37	28 June													
38	5 July													
39	12 July													DT2
40	19 July													

- QMAs will take place on the week shown or very soon after.
- Teachers will make revision or preparation materials available before QMAs.
- QMAs will be reported home in the Achievement and Progress Reports.
- Year 7 Parents' Evenings take place in Week 7, 34 and 35.
- Year 7 Achievement and Progress Reports will be sent home in Week 13, 26 and 37.
- Design and Technology is delivered in 3 curriculum project blocks: Food plus two other D&T projects.
- There will be two QMAs in each Design and Technology block.

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Year 7 QMA Task Descriptions 2026 - 2027

English	Mathematics	Science
QMA1 - Written Examination: This formal assessment evaluates students on the core concepts and skills introduced during <i>Tales with a Twist</i>, their first KS3 English unit, alongside foundational knowledge carried over from KS2. The examination is divided into three assessment areas: 1. Knowledge Acquisition: Retrieval of key unit vocabulary and concepts. 2. Reading Comprehension: Application of critical reading strategies. 3. Writing Proficiency: Demonstration of structured and technical writing skills.	QMA 1: Written Examination Place Value and Properties of Numbers	QMA 1: Combined science One overall written assessment focusing on the first 3 units of science covered so far – lab equipment and safety, energy stores and transfers, kinetic theory, as well as practical analytical skills. See student knowledge organiser for the specific content in the separate topics.
QMA 2 - Written Examination: This formal assessment evaluates students on the core concepts and skills introduced during Unit 2 (Mythology) and the beginning of Unit 3 (<i>Private Peaceful</i>), alongside foundational knowledge carried over from previous units. The examination is divided into three assessment areas: 1. Knowledge Acquisition: Retrieval of key unit vocabulary and concepts. 2. Reading Comprehension: Application of critical reading strategies. 3. Writing Proficiency: Demonstration of structured and technical writing skills.	QMA 2: Written Examination Examination will cover topics from QMA 1 and Integer and Decimal Arithmetic, Expressions and Equation, Plotting Coordinates.	QMA 2: Combined science One overall written assessment focusing on the second 3 units of science covered so far – cell structure and functions, organ systems, forces, elements, compounds and solutions, as well as practical analytical skills. See student knowledge organiser for the specific content in the separate topics.
QMA 3 - Written Examination: This formal assessment evaluates students on the core concepts and skills introduced throughout the entirety of Unit 3 (<i>Private Peaceful</i>, including accompanying poetry), alongside foundational knowledge carried over from previous units. The examination is divided into three assessment areas: 1. Knowledge Acquisition: Retrieval of key unit vocabulary and concepts. 2. Reading Comprehension: Application of critical reading strategies. 3. Writing Proficiency: Demonstration of structured and technical writing skills.	QMA 3: Written Examination Examination will assess all topics from Year 7	QMA 3: Combined science One overall written assessment focusing on the year to date and the most recent 2 units of science covered – cell processes and circuits, as well as practical and analytical skills. See pupil knowledge organiser for the specific content in the separate topics.

Geography	History	Religious Education
QMA 1: Written Examination Some point marked knowledge questions and some longer mark answers assessing explanation and understanding of processes from Topic 1 'Violent Planet'.	QMA 1: Written Examination A written assessment that assesses students understanding of key historical skills such as knowledge and understanding, chronology and source analysis	QMA 1: Written Examination Use knowledge organiser to revise keyword definitions, plus all topics taught up to week 8 on the test.
QMA 2: Written Examination Some point marked knowledge questions and some longer mark answers assessing explanation and understanding of processes from Topic 1 'Violent Planet' and Topic 2 'Mumbai Challenges'.	QMA 2: Written Examination Students to revise the topic of the events 1066: Claimants to the throne, Battles of Stamford Bridge and Hastings and William's control of England. This assessment will include a points' test section alongside interpretation analysis.	QMA 2: Written Examination Use knowledge organiser to revise keyword definitions, plus all topics taught up to week 22 on the test.
QMA 3: Written Examination Some point marked knowledge questions and some longer mark answers assessing explanation and understanding of processes from Topic 1 'Violent Planet', Topic 2 'Mumbai Challenges' and Topic 3 'Shape of the UK'.	QMA 3: Written Examination This assessment will assess the Tudor family of Henry VIII and his three children on how each ruled England. This assessment will include recall of key content, chronology skills and an extended writing piece.	QMA 3: Written Examination Use knowledge organiser to revise keyword definitions, plus all topics taught up to week 33 on the test.

French	Spanish	Personal Development
QMA 1: Speaking and Translation Topic 1: greetings, classroom routines, numbers, ages, days of the week, birthdays.	QMA 1: Speaking test Topic 1 and Topic 2 of Mira 1 – basic information about yourself (age, birthday etc.) and school.	QMA 1: Diagnostic Assessment End of Module assessment based on understanding of PSHE content covered in the module.
QMA 2: Listening, Reading, Translation and Short Writing Topic 1: greetings, classroom routines, numbers, ages, days of the week, birthday, colours, family members, opinions, personalities, pets, colours of eyes and hair, height. Topic 2: areas where people live, rooms of the house	QMA 2: Listening and reading test Topics 1-3 of Mira 1 – basic information about yourself (age, birthday etc.), school, talking about family, friends and pets.	QMA 2: Diagnostic Assessment Mid-Module assessment based on understanding of Careers & Enterprise/Citizenship content covered in the module.
QMA 3: Listening, Reading, Translation and Short Writing Topic 1: numbers, ages, days of the week, birthday, colours, family members, opinions, personalities, pets, colours of eyes and hair, height Topic 2: areas where people live, rooms of the house, bedroom furniture, opinions with reasons, evening activities, places in town, directions	QMA 3: Listening, reading and translation test Topics 1-5 of Mira 1 – basic information about yourself, school, talking about family, friends and pets, and about where you live, what your house is like and what you enjoy doing in your spare time.	

Art	Drama	Music
QMA 1: Practical Assessment Drawing of a 'Still Life'. Knowledge and understanding of drawing focussing on line, shape, proportion, 3D, colour, and tone.	QMA 1: Practical Assessment Introduction to Drama skills. Mime and Physical theatre skills, assessed in small groups.	QMA 1: Written Examination Elements of music. A written test which includes identifying and defining the musical elements and also being able to identify the different values of notes.
QMA 2: Practical and Written Assessment 'The Basics' Assessment of basic Art skills and the understanding of the work of artists, crafts persons and designers.	QMA 2: Practical Assessment Scripted assessment performed in Duos. Observation of key skills learnt so far. Intonation of voice, movement on stage, chemistry with partner.	QMA 2: Composition Major minor composition. Students create a piece of music with two contrasting sections combining multiple instrumental sounds. This piece explores the elements.
QMA 3: Practical Assessment A Painting in the style of the work of artists, crafts persons and designers.	QMA 3: Written Assessment Creation of character and individual monologue, completed in a timed session.	QMA 3: Performance Ukulele performance assessment. Students perform both chord patterns and melody lines on Ukulele.
QMA 4: Practical Assessment Practical and written assessment demonstrating critical understanding of Aboriginal Art. Work to be presented in the style of Aboriginal Art.		

Computing	Food and Nutrition	Design and Technology
QMA 1: Written Examination on Google Forms Networks, E-safety, Binary Numbers and Computer Architecture	Food QMA 1: Practical Assessment Deli Pasta. Demonstrate knife skills, using small equipment and hygiene and safety when preparing and making deli pasta.	QDR QMA 1: Practical Assessment Quick Draw 1 2-point perspective assessment Practical activity to assess understanding of the 2-point perspective drawing technique.
QMA 2: Practical & Written Assessment Multiple Choice Questions relating to the use of a Spreadsheet, in particular formatting skills and a Spreadsheet modelling activity using Excel	QMA 2: Written Evaluation Topic Written Test covering the following areas: • Hygiene and Safety • Equipment • Dress Code • Weighing and Measuring • EHO • HACCP • Nutrition	QDR QMA 2: Written Assessment Quick Draw 2 Subject-specific vocabulary test Test to assess understanding and skills of the subject-specific vocabulary covered in the 'Quick Draw' module.
QMA 3: Practical & Written Assessment Multiple Choice Questions relating to different software applications and the creation of a Desk Top Publishing template for a specific end user need.		MSH QMA 1: Practical Assessment Making Shapes 1 Final assessment of completed practical outcome focusing on skills with safely marking out, shaping and assembling a working product using wood.
		MSH QMA 2: Practical Assessment Making Shapes 2 Final assessment of completed practical outcome focusing on skills with safely marking out, shaping, forming and assembling a working product using metal.