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Year 7 QMA Parent Handbook 2024 - 2025

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Year 7 QMA Calendar 2024 - 2025

School Week	Eng	Ma	Sci	His	Gg	RE	Fr	Sp	Ar	Dr	Mu	Com	D&T
1	2 Sep												
2	9 Sep												
3	16 Sep		X										
4	23 Sep	QMA1		QMA1									
5	30 Sep		X										Food1
6	7 Oct						QMA1						DT1
7	14 Oct		QMA1						QMA1		QMA1		
8	28 Oct				QMA1					QMA1			
9	4 Nov		X			QMA1		QMA1				QMA1	Food2
10	11 Nov												
11	18 Nov		QMA1										
12	25 Nov												
13	2 Dec		X						QMA2		QMA2		DT2
14	9 Dec		QMA2	QMA2									
15	16 Dec	QMA2					QMA2						
16	6 Jan		X										
17	13 Jan				QMA2							QMA2	
18	20 Jan					QMA2					QMA3		Food1
19	27 Jan	QMA3											DT1
20	3 Feb												
21	10 Feb		QMA3	X	QMA3		QMA3		QMA3	QMA2			
22	24 Feb							QMA2					Food2
23	3 Mar												
24	10 Mar		QMA2										
25	17 Mar		X										
26	24 Mar				QMA3		QMA4					QMA3	DT2
27	31 Mar		QMA4										
28	21 April												
29	28 April		X			QMA3							
30	6 May	QMA4		QMA4					QMA4		QMA4		
31	12 May		QMA5	X									
32	19 May						QMA5	QMA3		QMA3			DT1
33	2 June												Food1
34	9 June		QMA3										
35	16 June												
36	23 June	QMA5			QMA4							QMA4	
37	30 June	QMA6	QMA6				QMA6						Food2
38	7 July												
39	14 July												DT2

- QMAs will take place on the week shown or very soon after.
- Teachers will make revision or preparation materials available before QMAs.
- QMAs shaded blue will be reported home in the Achievement and Progress Reports.
- Year 7 Parents' Evenings take place in Week 7, 33 and 34.
- Year 7 Achievement and Progress Reports will be sent home in Week 13, 26 and 37.
- In Science smaller assessments take place (shown with an X) students will get revision lists for this on Gmail.
- 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 2024 - 2025

English	Mathematics	Science
<p>QMA 1: Writing – Origins of English A creative writing assessment based on the study of mythological characters. Students will be required to demonstrate their command of descriptive techniques, grammar and punctuation, structure and paragraphing, spelling and vocabulary when writing in a character’s narrative voice.</p>	<p>QMA 1 Written Examination Average of Quality Marked Tasks (QMT) scores from topic areas: Sequences and Using algebraic notation</p>	<p>QMA 1: Combined science Average of the Quality Marked Tasks (QMTs) from the first 3 units of science covered so far – welcome to science, energy, and states of matter, as well as practical analytical skills. See curriculum map or pupil revision PowerPoint for the specific content in the separate topics.</p>
<p>QMA 2: Analytical Reading – Tales with a Twist An analytical reading assessment. Students will be required to produce a written analysis of a short story: ‘The Landlady’. They will demonstrate their ability to track through the text, explore the writer’s use of language and literary techniques, and provide perceptive analysis.</p>	<p>QMA 2 Written Examination Average of Quality Marked Tasks (QMT) scores from topic areas: Equality and Equivalence, Fractions. decimals and percentages, and solving problems with addition and subtraction</p>	
<p>QMA 3: Analytical Reading – ‘The Tempest’ An analytical reading assessment. Students will produce a written analysis of a short extract from ‘The Tempest’. This will focus specifically on the language and techniques used by Shakespeare to present a particular character to the audience.</p>	<p>QMA 3 Written Examination Average of Quality Marked Tasks (QMT) scores from topic areas: Problem solving with multiplication and division Fractions, Decimals and Percentages, Directed Number</p>	<p>QMA 2: Combined science Average of the Quality Marked Tasks (QMTs) focusing on the second 3 units of science covered so far – cells, forces, elements, mixtures, compounds and solutions, as well as practical analytical skills. See curriculum map or pupil revision PowerPoint for the specific content in the separate topics.</p>
<p>QMA 4: Writing – ‘Private Peaceful’ A rhetorical writing assessment. Students will be required to demonstrate their command of persuasive techniques, grammar and punctuation, structure and paragraphing, spelling and vocabulary.</p>	<p>QMA 4 Written Examination Average of Quality Marked Tasks (QMT) scores from topic areas: Addition and subtraction of fractions, Using Geometric notation and developing geometric reasoning.</p>	
<p>QMA 5: Analytical Reading – War and Conflict Poetry An analytical reading assessment. Students will be required to produce a written analysis of a poem studied in class which demonstrates a clear understanding and a detailed exploration of the language and techniques used by the poet and the effects they create.</p>	<p>QMA 5: Written Examination Overall written assessment covering all topic areas covered up to date</p>	<p>QMA 3: Combined science Average of two Quality Marked Assessments (QMT’s) on the third 2 units of science covered – cell processes and circuits and one short overall written assessment focusing on key content covered all year, as well as practical and analytical skills. See curriculum map or pupil revision PowerPoint for the specific content in the separate topics.</p>
<p>QMA 6: End of Year Knowledge Quiz Students will revisit key knowledge and concepts from across the Year 7 curriculum through multiple choice questions.</p>	<p>QMA 6 Written Examination Average of Quality Marked Tasks (QMT) scores from topic areas: Probability and Prime numbers and Proof</p>	

Geography	History	Religious Education
<p>QMA 1: Written Examination The Violent Planet topic. All content taught up to lesson 12, up to an including characteristics of both types of volcanoes, will be assessed. Some point knowledge questions and some longer mark answers assessing explanation and understanding of processes.</p>	<p>QMA 1: Written Examination A written assessment that assesses students understanding of key historical skills such as knowledge and understanding, chronology and source analysis</p>	<p>QMA 1: Written Examination Use knowledge organiser to revise keyword definitions, plus all topics taught up to week 9 on the test.</p>
<p>QMA 2: Written Examination Some questions based on the Violent Planet topic and all content up to lesson 10 of Mumbai Challenges, up to and including megacity challenges in Mumbai. Some point knowledge questions on the 2 topics and some longer mark answers assessing explanation and understanding of processes.</p>	<p>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 source analysis</p>	<p>QMA 2: Written Examination Use knowledge organiser to revise keyword definitions, plus all topics taught up to week 18 on the test.</p>
<p>QMA 3: Written Examination Some question on the Violent Planet and Mumbai Challenges topic, plus all content up to lesson 9 of UK Landscapes, up to and including formation of sea stacks and waterfalls. Some point knowledge questions on the 3 topics and some longer mark answers assessing explanation and understanding of processes.</p>	<p>QMA 3: Written Examination This assessment will assess the leadership of Henry VIII. Students will complete factual recall questions alongside assessing their Chronology and source analysis skills</p>	<p>QMA 3: Written Examination Use knowledge organiser to revise keyword definitions, plus all topics taught up to week 29 on the test.</p>
<p>QMA 4: Written Examination Some questions on Violent Planet, Mumbai Challenges, UK Landscapes and up to lesson 9 of Ecosystems, up to and including the conclusion of our Ecosystems Fieldwork. Some point knowledge questions on the 4 topics and some longer mark answers assessing explanation and understanding of processes.</p>	<p>QMA 4: Written Examination This assessment will assess students understanding of the Tudor children through factual recall questions</p>	

French	Spanish	Personal Development
<p>QMA 1: Speaking and Translation Topic 1: greetings, classroom routines, numbers, ages, days of the week, birthdays.</p>	<p>QMA 1: Speaking test Topic 1 and Topic 2 of Mira 1 – basic information about yourself (age, birthday etc.) and school.</p>	<p>QMA 1: Diagnostic Assessment End of Module assessment based on understanding of PSHE content covered in the module.</p>
<p>QMA 2: Reading, Translation and short writing Topic 1: colours, family members, numbers, opinions, personalities, pets.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>QMA 2: Diagnostic Assessment Mid-Module assessment based on understanding of Careers & Enterprise/Citizenship content covered in the module.</p>
<p>QMA 3: Listening and Translation Topic 1: greetings, classroom routines, numbers, ages, days of the week, birthdays, colours, family members, opinions, personalities, pets, colours of eyes and hair, height and Topic 2: areas where people live, rooms of the house.</p>	<p>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.</p>	
<p>QMA 4: Speaking (picture description) 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.</p>		
<p>QMA 5: Listening, Reading, Translation and 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.</p>		
<p>QMA 6: Reading, Translation and Listening 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. Topic 3: time, daily routines, school subjects, opinions on school subjects, school timetable, sports and games, leisure activities, holidays activities.</p>		

Art	Drama	Music
<p>QMA 1: Practical Assessment Drawing of a 'Still Life'. Knowledge and understanding of drawing focussing on line, shape, proportion, 3D, colour, and tone.</p>	<p>QMA 1: Practical Assessment Introduction to Drama skills. Mime and Physical theatre skills, assessed in small groups.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>QMA 3: Practical Assessment A Painting in the style of the work of artists, crafts persons and designers.</p>	<p>QMA 3: Written Assessment Creation of character and individual monologue, completed in a timed session.</p>	<p>QMA 3: Performance Ukulele performance assessment. Students perform both chord patterns and melody lines on Ukulele.</p>
<p>QMA 4: Practical Assessment Practical and written assessment demonstrating critical understanding of Aboriginal Art. Work to be presented in the style of Aboriginal Art.</p>		<p>QMA 4: Performance Piano notation reading assessment. Students perform a differentiated piano piece using two hand on separate parts.</p>

Computing	Food and Nutrition	Design and Technology
<p>QMA 1: E-safety, Networks and Software Applications. Google Form MCQ's, practical Word Processing and Presentation assessment</p>	<p>Food QMA 1: Practical Assessment Deli Pasta. Demonstrate knife skills, using small equipment and hygiene and safety when preparing and making deli pasta.</p>	<p>QDR QMA 1: Practical Assessment Quick Draw 1 2-point perspective assessment Practical activity to assess understanding of the 2-point perspective drawing technique.</p>
<p>QMA 2: Binary Number conversions and Networks</p>	<p>QMA 2: Written Evaluation Evaluation of a practical the students have completed.</p>	<p>QDR QMA 2: Practical and 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.</p>
<p>QMA 3: Spreadsheet Modelling. Google Form MCQ's and practical Spreadsheet Modelling tasks</p>		<p>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.</p>
<p>QMA 4: Programming Techniques in Scratch Google form MCQ's and practical Scratch programming tasks</p>		<p>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.</p>