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Year 7 QMA Parent Handbook 2023 - 2024

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Year 7 QMA Calendar 2023 - 2024

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

- 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 6 to check settling in and week 33 and 34.
- Year 7 Achievement and Progress Reports will be sent home in Week 12, 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 2023 - 2024

English	Mathematics	Science
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.	QMA 1 Examination: Key Stage 3 transition assessment.	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.
QMA 2: Analytical Reading 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.	QMA 2 Examination: Sequences, understanding and using algebraic notation.	
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.	QMA 3 Examination: QMA 2 content as well as: place value, equality and equivalence, ordering decimals and integers and fractions, decimals and percentage equivalence and solving problems with addition and subtraction, solving equations.	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.
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.	QMA 4 Examination: Fractions, decimals and percentages (FDP), collecting like terms, function machines, ordering fractions, comparing FDP, sequences, place value.	
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.	QMA 5 Examination: Assessment of topics from the year to date as well as: addition and subtraction of fractions and constructing, measuring and using geometric notation.	QMA 3: Combined science One overall written assessment focusing on the 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.
QMA 6 End of Year Knowledge Quiz: Revisiting concepts from across the Year 7 Curriculum.	QMA 6 Examination: Area, expressions, calculations, directed numbers. Pie charts, fractions of amounts.	

Geography	History	Religious Education
QMA 1: Written Examination The Violent Planet topic. All content taught up to lesson 12, up to and 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.	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 9 on the test.
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.	QMA 2: Written Examination Students to revise the topics of the Vikings, Battle of Hastings and William's control of England. This assessment will include a points' test section alongside source analysis	QMA 2: Written Examination Use knowledge organiser to revise keyword definitions, plus all topics taught up to week 18 on the test.
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.	QMA 3: Written Examination This assessment will assess the leadership of Henry VIII, Edward VI and Mary I. Students will complete a point test alongside assessing their Chronology and source analysis skills	QMA 3: Written Examination Use knowledge organiser to revise keyword definitions, plus all topics taught up to week 30 on the test.
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.	QMA 4: Written Examination This assessment will assess students understanding of the leadership of Elizabeth I through point test questions, source analysis and interpretation skills.	

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: Reading, Translation and short writing Topic 1: colours, family members, numbers, opinions, personalities, pets.	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 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.	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.	
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.		
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.		
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.		

Art	Drama	Music
QMA 1: Practical Assessment Drawing of a 'Still Life' Knowledge and understanding of drawing ability.	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 Work based on the project theme, a constructed piece with the use of mixed media and materials.		QMA 4: Performance Piano notation reading assessment. Students perform a differentiated piano piece using two hand on separate parts.

Computing	Food and Nutrition	Design and Technology
QMA 1: Written Assessment E-safety, Networks, Hardware and Software	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: Written Assessment Binary numbers and image representation Converting binary to denary as well as denary to binary and identifying how images are represented in binary.	QMA 2: Written Evaluation Evaluation of a practical the students have completed.	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.
QMA 3: Written Assessment Binary Representation, programming, the Internet and Embedded Systems.		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.
QMA 4 Spreadsheet modelling Google Form written assessment and spreadsheet modelling task.		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.