




Why Exams in Year 8?




- External Comparison – ISEB
- Sat in Maths, English, Science, Modern Foreign Languages, History, Geography and R.S.
- To develop exam revision skills
- To identify areas pupils need to work on
- To show and encourage progress
- To consolidate KS3 learning in preparation for GCSEs




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National Changes

- A new National Curriculum
- Learning from Years 7 & 8 will be tested at GCSE in Year 11
- Tougher new GCSEs with more content
- Nearly all assessment will be exams at the end of the course
- Revision and exam skills will be essential.




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Supporting your child to be successful

- Homework – up to 1 ½ hours/night
- Revision – for all tests and the final exam


Subject	Number of homeworks per week
Maths	2
English	2
Science	1
French/Spanish/German/Mandarin	1
Geography	1 per fortnight
History	1 per fortnight
RS	1 per fortnight
DT	1 per fortnight


Pupils are also expected to do 20 minutes reading every evening. Pupils should generally be given at least 2 nights to complete a piece of homework. Additional homework may also be set for other subjects.





Download the apps from the App Store or Google Play Store.

Download on the App Store



GALORE PARK 



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Show My Homework

The screenshot shows two homework assignments in the Show My Homework app. The first assignment is 'Economic Performance' (Economics - 12Q/Ed1) due on Wed 13 Sep. The second is 'Dickens' life and times' (English - 11Q/En1) due on Fri 10 Sep. Each assignment includes a description, other information, and activity details.

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Resources – Galore Park

The screenshot displays the Galore Park app interface, which offers exam practice questions for various subjects: Mathematics, English, Science, History, Latin, Geography, and Religious Studies. It also shows mobile app icons for Geography, History, and Revision 12, along with a stack of printed worksheets. A download on the App Store button is visible at the bottom.

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Support Materials

- **Textbooks**
 - Many subject areas have purchased these to support learning
 - Library resources to borrow.
- **Y8 Curriculum Outline Booklet**
 - Details the full Curriculum
 - Advice on support materials and enrichment opportunities at home.

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Resources – Gojimo

The screenshot shows the Gojimo app interface. On the left, a list of qualifications is shown, including 11+ Common Entrance, 13+ Common Entrance, A Level, GCSE, IB, IGCSE, and Undergraduate. On the right, a 'History' quiz is displayed with six topics: 01. The Norman Conquest, 02. Conquered England, 03. The Sons of William I, 04. From Civil War To Henry II, 05. Richard I, The Crusades & Kin..., and 06. Henry III & The Edwards.

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Resources – Quizlet

The screenshot shows a Quizlet study set titled 'WWII Key Terms and Names' with 26 terms. The interface includes options for 'Flashcards', 'Learn', 'Speller', 'Test', 'Scatter', and 'Space Race'. A 'Create a free account' button is visible. The browser address bar shows 'www.quizlet.com' and the URL 'https://www.quizlet.com/join/wwii-key-terms-and-names-26-terms-by-blanchard'. The footer includes the St Mary Magdalene Academy logo.

Resources

The screenshot shows the MyMaths.co.uk website. The top navigation bar includes 'Number', 'Algebra', 'Shape', 'Data', and 'fSkills'. A 'Library' section lists various topics like '3D and 3D Shapes', 'Angles', 'Area and Perimeter', etc. There are also sections for 'Resources', 'My Portal' (with login and password fields), and 'Admin'. The footer includes the St Mary Magdalene Academy logo.

Resources

www.echalk.co.uk
Username: smmac
Password: liverpoolroad

The screenshot shows the e-chalk website. A sidebar lists subjects like 'new', 'maths', 'physics', 'chemistry', 'biology', 'computing', 'English', 'history', 'geography', 'music', 'languages', 'PE', 'art', 'primary', 'illusions', and 'games'. The main area is titled 'Maths' and features icons for 'Numbers', 'Algebra', 'Shape, space & measure', 'Handling data & graphs', 'Mechanics', 'Problem solving & fun', and 'Entire maths listing'. The footer includes the St Mary Magdalene Academy logo.

Homework and Study Habits

- Develop a routine
 - Time, length, place
 - 20 minutes daily reading
 - Spelling and dinner table conversations
 - Spelling lists are available in the pupil's planner.

Check their planners for messages and attendance

Check their work – quality control

Have high expectations

Bedtime routine

- Remove mobile/tablet/ipad

Breakfast

The image shows a spiral-bound student planner with a blue arrow pointing to it from the text 'Check their planners for messages and attendance'. The footer includes the St Mary Magdalene Academy logo.