



WELLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

Te Kura Tuarua o Taraika ki Pukeahu

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Dear Parents / Caregivers

All students in Year 9 will be sitting end of year examinations this year in English, Social Studies, Mathematics and Science. The exams will be on two separate dates:

- Thursday 12 November – English, Social Studies
- Friday 13 November – Mathematics, Science

The timetable for these days is as follows.

Thursday 12 November	Friday 13 November
9.00 – 10.00 – English exam	9.00 – 10.00 – Mathematics exam
10.00 – 10.30 - Break	10.00 – 10.30 - Break
10.30 – 11.30 – Social Studies exam	10.30 – 11.30 - Science exam
11.30 – 12.30 – Normal period 3 class	11.30 – 12.30 – Normal period 3 class
12.30 – 1.30 - Lunch	12.30 – 1.30 - Lunch
1.30 – 2.25 – Normal period 4 class	1.30 – 2.25 - Normal period 4 class
2.25 – 3.20 – Normal period 5 class	2.25 – 3.20 - Normal period 5 class

On the following page I have included some information on:

- the content of each exam,
- some information on how and what to study for each subject to help your student as they prepare for these exams.

You will receive results from these examinations on the portal and at junior prizegiving on Thursday 10 December.

Good luck!

Regards

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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

English

The English exam is 1 hour.

Students will be required to write an essay about a text that they have studied.

Mathematics

The exam is 1 hour. There are 4 sections on Number, Statistics, Measurement and Probability, assessing at levels 3, 4 and 5. Each section will take approximately 15 minutes. Students will also do a SOLO probability task in class, either before or after this exam.

Science

The Science exam is 1 hour. The exam will cover all the topics studied this year. Students will complete 40 multiple choice questions on line. They will then write two longer written answers. Students will need to bring charged up laptops to the exam.

Social Studies

The Social Studies exam is 1 hour. Students will be asked to complete short answers and paragraphs that relate to resources based on an issue that has been in the news, and the perspectives held by people about that issue during 2015. Example topics could be the flag debate or same sex marriage.

EXAM HINTS & TIPS

What should you be studying?

English

Revise texts studied. Be prepared to write about significant incidents and details from texts, including quotes.

Science

Students need to use the SOLO learning log issued at the start of each new topic as a guide on what to revise. The word lists in each Sparkler are also a handy revision tool. Students are also advised to look over each of the end of topic tests they have completed and the mark schemes

Mathematics

The best way to revise for any Maths exam is by **doing questions**. The more you practise, the greater your chance of being able to answer problems successfully.

Teachers will revise the topics with students in class and will give them sheets of questions to practise. They can also get help from the following sources:

- Mathletics
- www.mathsisfun.com
- Khan Academy

Social Studies

Be aware of what has been happening in New Zealand or around the world, especially the perspectives that may be held by different groups, the reasons why these views are held and how their actions may support their viewpoint. In 2104 the issue was the debate on student appearance.