

Key Stage 3 Report

Understanding progress & assessment

Year 8



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Art & Design

Year 8 Units of Study

During year 8 you will study the following units of work in Art, for more information regarding the learning objectives within each unit of work please see the unit plan and knowledge organiser which is presented in your child's sketch book.

Unit Title	Approximate number of weeks	Term unit completed
Drawing - experimental drawing, observational drawing and printmaking	10	Autumn
Sculpture - nets and low relief	6	Spring
Painting - composition and colour	5	Spring

Year 8 Assessment

In Art and Design, students are assessed using a combination of baseline tests, teacher-led practical activities, homework and student-led personal response activities for each project.

How can my child improve?

For individual targets on how to improve, please see the feedback sheets in sketch books after each end of unit review.

How can my child extend their learning?

Visiting galleries, drawing from direct observation, taking photographs, watching video tutorials

Useful websites:

www.thestudentartguide.com

www.henitalks.com

www.tate.org.uk

www.ted.com



Drama

Year 8 Units of Study

During year 8 you will study the following units of work in Drama.

Unit Title	Approximate number of weeks	Term unit completed
Text in action: <i>Bloodbrothers</i>	17	Spring
Devising Drama: Documentary Theatre	14	Spring
Responding to live theatre	6	Summer

Year 8 Assessment

In Drama, students are given verbal feedback on their contributions to both the development and performance of theatre throughout the unit, as well as an end of unit performance.

How can my child improve?

Students can improve in Drama by consistently applying the verbal feedback received during lessons.

How can my child extend their learning?

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize

www.digitaltheatreplus.com



Design Technology

Year 8 Units of Study

During year 8 you will study the following units of work in Design Technology:

Unit Title	Approximate number of weeks	Term unit completed
Planning Flow Charts	2	Autumn
Capacitors and Capacitance	2	Autumn
Soldering Skills	4	Spring
Social Impact & Footprint	2	Summer
Impact of CAD/CAM	4	Summer
CAD Skills	4	Summer

Year 8 Assessment

In Design Technology, students are assessed using their written responses to questions, responses to mathematical problems and will have practical skills assessed using success criteria which describes what they need to do to progress.

How can my child improve?

For individual targets on how to improve, students should refer to the success criteria in their folders, which highlights their current attainment and explains to them what they need to do to progress.

How can my child extend their learning?

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize

www.technologystudent.com



Food Technology

Year 8 Units of Study

During year 8 you will study the following units of work in Food Technology. Pupils will develop a range of practical skills and will be assessed both practically and on the theory based topics.

Unit Title	Approximate number of weeks	Term unit completed
Unit 1- Food choice, modifying and adapting recipes and practical skills- Fruit muffin assessment	6	Autumn
Unit 2- Special dietary needs, food provenance and practical skills- Enchiladas and sausage roll assessments	6	Spring
Unit 3- Convenience foods, practical skills and end of unit test- Curry assessment	6	Summer

Year 8 Assessment

In Food Technology, students are assessed using their written responses to questions in an end of unit test and in theory based lessons. They will have their practical skills assessed using a success criteria which describes what they need to do to progress.

6 assessment points will take place- 2 per unit:

Fruit muffins, special dietary needs, enchiladas, sausage rolls, curry and an end of unit test.

How can my child improve?

For individual targets on how to improve, students should refer to the success criteria in their folders, which highlights their current attainment and explains to them what they need to do to progress.

How can my child extend their learning?

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize

www.technologystudent.com



English

Year 8 Units of Study

During year 8 your child will study English Language and English Literature within the following units of work. For more information regarding the learning objectives within each unit of work please see the Unit Plan in their exercise book.

Unit Title	Approximate number of weeks	Term unit completed
Scripting Life: Tracking characterisation in <i>The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime</i> and exploring connections between language and identity.	14	Autumn
Broadening Horizons: Responding to poetry from different cultures and writing to express a viewpoint with a focus on letters.	12	Spring
Morality: Using Oscar Wilde's Short Stories and Aesop's Fables as a springboard to write morality tales.	11	Summer

Year 8 Assessment

In English, students are given regular feedback on their contributions to class tasks, individual and group activities as well as formative and summative review points for each unit. For more information regarding content within each unit of work, please see the Unit Plan for the relevant topic that your son/daughter is currently studying within English.

How can my child improve?

For individual targets on how to improve and a breakdown of skills assessed, please refer to the specific feedback given for the review points in your child's exercise book.

How can my child extend their learning?

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize

www.gcsepod.com



French

Year 8 Units of Study

During year 8 you will study the following units of work in French.

Unit Title	Approximate number of weeks	Term unit completed
“mon collègue”	10	Autumn
sports and hobbies	6	Spring
“T’es branché”	10	Summer
“Paris je t’adore”.	6	Summer

Year 8 Assessment

In French, students are assessed using a combination of regular vocabulary tests, regular translation tests, teacher-devised homework writing tasks, independent and creative projects (such as producing a poster to describe my favourite day), speaking activities in class (such as interviews and role-plays), listening and reading activities in class, end of units assessments (assessing the four skills of Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking).

How can my child improve?

For individual targets on how to improve, please consult your French exercise book and the feedback given after each writing homework task and after each end of unit assessment. Also refer to the end of the French book, to the dedicated pages and support sheets on how to produce a good written piece of work (feedback marking support mat).

How can my child extend their learning?

- Vocabulary weekly practice on [QUIZLET.com](https://www.quizlet.com) (carry out at least 3 activities and then take a test).
- Further vocabulary practise: [memrise.com](https://www.memrise.com)
- Translation and sentence-building: [duolingo.com](https://www.duolingo.com)
- [bbc.co.uk/bitesize](https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize)

Geography

Year 8 Units of Study

During year 8 you will study the following units of work in Geography, for more information regarding the learning objectives within each unit of work please see the Unit Plan for the relevant topic that your son/daughter is currently studying within Geography. More specific information regarding the key knowledge within each topic can be found in the Knowledge Organiser which is found in your child's exercise book.

Unit Title	Approximate number of weeks	Term unit completed
Is the Geography of Russia a benefit or a curse?	7	Autumn
Will we ever know enough about Earthquakes and Volcanoes to live safely?	7	Autumn
Geology: The building blocks of our planet	6	Spring
How are populations changing?	6	Spring
What happens when the land meets the sea?	6	Summer
What is an economy? Local to Global.	5	Summer

Year 8 Assessment

In Geography, students are assessed using a combination of assessed starter activities, homework, individual and group activities and end of unit assessments. Assessments throughout the year will consist of a varying blend of tasks and activities which tests the knowledge and understanding from the variety of units studied throughout your time at St. Hilda's.

How can my child improve?

For individual targets on how to improve, please refer to the specific feedback given for the end of unit assessments in your child's exercise book. To extend your own learning, make use of the knowledge organiser for each unit for your child to self-evaluate and self-assess their knowledge and understanding of different topics. This is something you can encourage by asking them questions about content within the knowledge organiser.

How can my child extend their learning?

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zrw76sg>

<https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/>

German

Year 9 Units of Study

During year 9 you will study the following units of work in German.

Unit Title	Approximate number of weeks	Term unit completed
Meine Welt und ich	6	Autumn
Tiere	6	Autumn
Familie	6	Spring
Beschreibungen	6	Spring
Sport	6	Summer
Freizeit	6	Summer

Year 9 Assessment

In German, students are assessed using a combination of regular vocabulary tests, regular translation tests, teacher-devised homework writing tasks, independent and creative projects (such as producing a poster to describe my school bag), speaking activities in class (such as interviews and role-plays), listening and reading activities in class, end of units assessments (assessing the four skills of Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking).

How can my child improve?

For individual targets on how to improve, please consult your German exercise book and the feedback given after each writing homework task and after each end of unit assessment. Also refer to the end of the German book, to the dedicated pages and support sheets on how to produce a good written piece of work (feedback marking support mat).

How can my child extend their learning?

www.quizlet.com/en-gb

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize

www.memrise.com



History

Year 8 Units of Study

During year 8 you will study the following units of work in History. Specific information regarding the key knowledge within each topic can be found in the Knowledge Organiser which is found in your child's exercise book.

Unit Title	Approximate number of weeks	Term unit completed
Why and how was England ruled without a monarch?	6 Weeks	Autumn
Industrial Revolution & Slavery - What was it like to be involved in slavery? Why was slavery abolished?	6 weeks	Autumn
Protest - Is violent protest ever justified (Suffragettes & Suffragists)	6 weeks	Spring
WW1 Project - What were conditions like in the Trenches	6weeks	Spring
Interpretations of WW1	6 weeks	Summer
How has societies attitudes towards crime and punishment changed through time?	6 weeks	Summer

Year 8 Assessment

In History, students are assessed using a combination of assessed starter activities, homework, individual and group activities and end of unit assessments.

How can my child improve?

For individual targets on how to improve, please refer to the specific feedback given for the end of unit assessments in your child's exercise book.

How can my child extend their learning?

www.gcsepod.com

Liverpool Museums - <https://www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/international-slavery-museum>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p029p713>



ICT/Computing

Year 8 Units of Study

For information regarding the learning objectives within each unit of work, please see the assessment objectives for each unit on Teams. A knowledge organiser for each unit is uploaded to Teams and students have a paper copy in their folders in school.

Unit Title	Approximate number of weeks	Term unit completed
Introduction to Python Programming	7	Autumn
Developing for the Web	6	Autumn
Mobile App Development	6	Spring
Computer Systems	6	Spring
Data Representation	6	Summer

Year 8 Assessment

For each unit that they study, students will be assessed using a combination of an end of unit assessment test, the practical/theoretical activities that they have participated in during lessons, and using their homework. At Key Stage 3, this work will be evidenced and marked mostly via Microsoft Teams.

How can my child extend their learning?

Students can explore and develop their coding skills outside of lessons, by using one of the following websites;

<https://code.org/learn>

<https://www.sololearn.com>

<https://scratch.mit.edu/>



Mathematics

Year 8 Units of Study

During year 8 you will study the following units of work in Maths, for more information regarding the learning objectives within each unit of work please see the unit plan and knowledge organizer which is presented in your child's exercise book at the start of each unit.

Unit Title	Approximate number of weeks	Term unit completed
Number	3	Autumn
Area and volume	4	Autumn
Statistics, graphs and charts	3	Autumn
Expressions and equations	4	Autumn
Real-life graphs	3	Spring
Decimals and ratio	3	Spring
Lines and angles	3	Spring
Calculating with fractions	4	Spring
Straight Line Graphs	4	Summer
Percentages, decimals and fractions	4	Summer

Year 8 Assessment

In Maths, students are assessed using assessed starter activities, homework and an end of unit check in test.

How can my child improve?

For individual targets on how to improve please see the DIRT sheets in exercise books after each end of unit check in test.

How can my child extend their learning?

www.mymaths.co.uk

www.vle.mathswatch.co.uk

www.corbettmaths.com



Music

Year 8 Units of Study

During year 8 you will study the following units of work in Music.

Unit Title	Approximate number of weeks	Term unit completed
Structure in Music	7	Autumn
Saharan Sounds	6	Autumn
Superhero and Villains	6	Spring
Film Music	5	Spring
Hooks and Riffs	6	Summer
Rock and Popular Music	6	Summer

Year 8 Assessment

In Music, students are assessed at the start or end of lessons through listening exercises. They are assessed each term on their composition or performance skills.

How can my child improve?

For individual targets on how to improve pupils can refer to their MADTSHIRT rulers in their books.

How can my child extend their learning?

www.bcbitesize.com

www.teoria.com

www.musicfirst.co.uk

[Also, listening to Spotify to further their knowledge of music genres.](#)



Physical Education

Year 8 Units of Study

During year 8 you will study the following units of work in PE. For more information on what skills and knowledge students will develop please see the unit plan. Learning objectives are cross transferable and will be applied to each sporting activity that students complete.

Unit Titles (Girls)		Unit Titles (Boys)			Approximate number of weeks	Term unit completed
Set 1	Set 2	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3		
Netball	Badminton	Rugby	Football	Multi-skills	3	Autumn
Gymnastics	Football	Badminton	MyPB-fitness	Basketball	3	Autumn
MyPB-Dance	Netball	Table Tennis	Badminton	Football	3	Autumn
Badminton	MyPB-Dance	Football	Basketball	Gymnastics	3	Spring
Football	Gymnastics	MyPB-Fitness	Football	Badminton	3	Spring
Badminton	Netball	Football	Badminton	Fitness	3	Spring
Rounders/Athletics		Cricket/Athletics/Softball			6	Summer
Cricket/Athletics		Softball/Athletics/Rounders			6	Summer

Year 8 Assessment

In PE, students are assessed using baseline assessments at the start of the year and teacher led practical activities throughout each sport/physical activity. Students are assessed in both isolation/skill practices, match play, competition or created routines.

How can my child improve?

Students can improve their skills and ability to apply skills in match play by attending extra-curricular clubs. We have an extensive timetable with activities running before school, lunch time and after school. Students can also improve by represent the school in various sports in the local and wider areas testing their ability against students from other schools.

How can my child extend their learning?

Students can extend their learning by keeping active whilst at home by joining a local sports club or why not try starting one of these as a family:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/exercise/couch-to-5k-week-by-week/>
<https://www.parkrun.org.uk/>

Religious Studies

Year 8 Units of Study

During year 8 you will study the following units of work in RS.

Unit Title	Approximate number of weeks	Term unit completed
What is worship? - Cathedral project	6-8	Autumn
Is it fair? Religious responses to Poverty and Prejudice	6-8	Autumn
What does it mean to be a person of faith? Judaism	6-8	Spring
What does it mean to be a person of faith? Islam	6-8	Spring
Spirited Arts project	6-8	Summer
Should we look after the planet?	6-8	Summer

NB: Due to some classes being taught by two teachers the order in which units are completed may vary to the table above.

Year 8 Assessment

In Religious Studies, students are assessed using a combination of written and oral classwork in addition to end of unit examinations. Specific information regarding the key knowledge within each topic can be found in the Knowledge Organiser.

How can my child improve?

For individual targets on how to improve, please refer to the specific feedback given for the end of unit assessments in your child's exercise book.

How can my child extend their learning?

Your child can extend their learning by using the knowledge organisers they have been provided with and by accessing the home learning booklets and revision resources on Microsoft Teams.

Science

Year 8 Units of Study

During year 8 you will study the following units of work in Science.

Unit Title	Approximate number of weeks	Term unit completed
Energy in Life	6	Autumn
Energy and Resources	6	Spring
Electricity and Magnetism	5	Spring
Chemical Reactions	5	Spring
Periodic Table/Ecology	6	Summer
End of Year - all topics	5	Summer

Year 8 Assessment

In Science, students are assessed by started activities, quizzes, tasks, practical investigations, homework and end of unit learning checks/assessments. There are usually two review home works during each topic to assess the students' progress during the topic as well as the learning check at the end of the topic.

How can my child improve?

For individual targets on how to improve see DIRT sheets at the end of each learning check and additional teacher comments.

How can my child extend their learning?

<https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/z4kw2hv>

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/>

Watching Science documentaries.

Reading about Science in books, magazines, on-line and the news.



Assessment Dates for the Forthcoming Term

During form time each Monday students are working on 'Learn to Learn'. This involves them learning how best to work independently, looking at how to develop skills of organisation and beginning to understand how to revise. As a part of this we are providing the following dates for students as an indication as to when they will have in class assessments over the forthcoming term. The numbers after each subject indicate the unit number that is being assessed.

These dates are only guidance and are subject to change depending on the progress of individual classes.

The class teacher will notify students as to the exact date of any assessment.

Week	Week beginning	Subjects
1	03/01/22	
2	10/01/22	Music 2 Listening
3	17/01/22	Maths 2 & 4
4	24/01/22	PE 4 Science 2
5	31/01/22	German 2
6	07/02/22	Music 3 Skills Art 2 DT 6 (Rotation 1) ICT 3
7	14/02/22	French 2 Music 3 Skills MRS 3
Half Term		
8	28/02/22	PE 5 DT 1 (Rotation 2)
9	07/03/22	Music 3 Listening Food 1 (Rotation 2) Science 3
10	14/03/22	Geography 3 & 4 Maths 5&6 English (to complete either week 10, 11 or 13)*
11	21/03/22	RS 3 & 4
12	28/03/22	Music 4 Skills DT 2 (Rotation 2) German 3
13	04/04/22	French 3 Music 4 Skills ICT 4