ARABIAN RANCHES
Jumeirah English Speaking School

'ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE TOGETHER'

YEAR 9

End of Year Exam Study Guide

Academic Year 2011 – 2012

Sunday 27th May – Tuesday 29th May 2012

Study Guide Booklet for Summer Examinations

This booklet should help to guide you through the Year 9 examinations. It includes general guidance for each subject and a timetable.

The coming weeks will provide you with plenty of opportunities to plan and begin your studies. Do remember that hard work is normally rewarded but do not forget that your parents, teachers and support staff are here to assist and guide you should you have any difficulties.

If you need further advice remember the following are here to support you: Tutors, Subject Teachers, Head of Subject, Miss Hamill (Head of Year 9) and Ms Bentley (Study Support).

Read the timetable carefully. Most examinations will take place in set rooms so listen carefully to instructions from tutors each day over the examination period.

Prepare equipment before each examination and bring a spare pen and pencil.

Miss Hamill (Head of Year 9)

Revision

Top Ten Tips

A little, often, helps you to refresh your memory.

Set realistic targets and reward your own success.

Take a 5-minute break after 45 minutes and do something different.

Use file cards, PowerPoint slides or a note-book to put notes in brief.

Use memory tricks like acronyms, acrostics, chaining.

Write test questions as you read notes.

Carry test questions with you and try to answer them in spare moments.

Find helpful websites and make notes of what you learn.

Use your organiser to plan your time effectively.

Keep it all in perspective!

YEAR 9	Reg 7.50- 8.00am	(95 mins) Session 1 8.00-9.35am	Break 9.35- 10.05am	(130mins) Session 2 10.05-12:15pm	Lunch 12:15- 1:10pm	(110 mins) Session 3 1:10-3:10pm
Sunday **27 May**	Tutor Bases	**Science - 1hr**		**English** **1hr 45mins**		**Revision** **Islamic Ed B** **1hr 30mins** **In Sports Hall**
Monday **28 May**	Tutor Bases	**Reading/Writing Assessments - 1hr (9RR;9LED;9AP)** **ICT -1 Hr (9SH;9CP;9CAS)**		**Maths - No Calculator 45mins** **Maths - Calculator 45mins**		**Geography** **1hr**
Tuesday **29 May**	Tutor Bases	**History** **1hr**		**Reading/Writing Assessments - 1hr (9SH;9CP;9CAS)** **ICT -1 Hr (9RR;9LED;9AP)**		**Spelling Assessment - 40mins**

Arabic / French / DT/ ART / Examination will take place in lessons before exam week

Islamic Ed A - Examination will take place in lessons before exam week

French/Spanish - Listening, Reading and Writing exams will take place during lessons before Exam Week and the Speaking exam during lessons after Exam Week.

Students with Exam Concessions (Extra Time, Readers, Scribes, Word Processor) will sit exams in a seperate venue, with Study Support. Extra Time is calculated at 25% of the original examination time.

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Mathematics

Year Group	Yr 9
Subject	Mathematics
Format	2 papers, one with calculator one without.
Time	45 minutes each paper
Topics to be examined	• Equations, expressions and formulae • Data Handling • Fraction, decimals, percentages, ratio and proportion • Shape and space
Top Tips!	Students are well placed to take responsibility for their own learning of mathematics by using the revision materials made available to them. The www.MyMaths.co.uk interactive revision guide was placed on the school website before Easter and provides links to online tutorials and homework/tests that can be accessed via the MyMaths website. Our other subscription website, Mathletics (www.mathletics.co.uk), also provides comprehensive activities suitable for examination revision. Both websites offer a personalised record of previously accessed activities and students should revisit these areas to further enhance their knowledge and understanding. The website also contains copies of all module tests that students have taken this year along with the 2011 end of year exam. Whilst many students have kept their annotated copies in their organised folders, complete with teacher and student feedback, blank copies of both the test and answer scheme should provide further opportunities for examination revision and practice. Please see website for more details under Secondary School, Resources.

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English

Year Group	Yr 9
Subject	English
Format	1 paper divided into 2 sections: *reading and writing*. Reading is made up of a series of four questions and writing is just one question that asks you to produce a piece of extended writing with the purpose to persuade or argue.
Time	1 hour and 45 minutes. You should spend one hour on the reading section and 45 minutes on the writing section.
Skills to be examined	• The ability to use features of persuasive and argumentative writing when crafting texts. • Suiting writing to meet the demands of the purpose and audience. • Effective, accurate paragraphing. • The use of a wide and well-selected vocabulary. • The use of accurate and varied punctuation. • Following a writer's arguments/ideas. • Analysing the use of image, layout and presentational devices in non-fiction texts and how these are suited to audience and purpose. • Analysing writers' use of language to meet their purposes and to suit their audience. • Analysing how writers communicate their ideas, opinions and feelings • Accurate selection of quotation to support ideas.
Top Tips!	• Regularly read newspapers, magazine articles or any other non-fiction texts you can find. • Practise areas that you know you are weaker in, such as your spelling or punctuation. • Revise how to use persuasive and argumentative devices in your writing. Use online revision guides like: 1. For non-fiction prep: http://www.englishbiz.co.uk/mainguides/nonfiction.htm 2. For persuasive writing: http://www.englishbiz.co.uk/mainguides/persuade.htm 3. For argumentative writing: http://www.englishbiz.co.uk/mainguides/argue.htm

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Science

Year Group	Yr 9
Subject	Science
Format	1 paper divided into three sections, *Biology, Chemistry, Physics* All short answer questions
Time	1 hour – try spending 20 minutes on each section
Topics to be examined	• Science and fiction • A Model Career • On the farm • Sculpture park • Flying Materials • Record breakers • Dam it • Buying energy
Top Tips!	Use your topic booklet to help revise that topic Make bullet points of facts for each topic Ask yourself simple questions for each topic e.g. Reactions and reactivity of metals/metal compounds Are you able to explain the differences in properties between metals and non-metals Do you know which gas is produced when a metal reacts with water? Can you describe the test for hydrogen gas? More simple questions can be found for every topic on the school website in the Science Summer Examination Advice document. When you find things you are not sure of you can:- Use the internet to help. Use online revision guides like www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks3**bitesize** OR Look at books. Some revision guides and alternative textbooks are available in the library. AND Don't forget you can ask your teacher to help you. AND Don't forget you have access to Boardworks and Framework PowerPoints on the school shared drive.

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French

Year Group	Yr 9
Subject	French
Format	4 exams: 1. Writing: You will be given a title and task 2 weeks before the exam in which time you can practise and prepare. 2. Speaking: You will be given a few questions 2 weeks before the exam in which time you can practise and prepare. 3. Listening comprehension 4. Reading comprehension
Time	The Reading, Listening and Writing exams will take about 1 lesson each. The Speaking exam, which will take a few minutes, will take place during the lessons in the week after the exams
Topics to be examined	• TV, cinema and reading • Last weekend • Talking about the future • The importance of languages • Illness and Injuries • Healthy living and advice • Sport and describing people • Holidays
Top Tips!	1. Make sure you prepare the writing and speaking tasks carefully by using the textbook, workbook, worksheets and work you have previously completed. 2. Check your work carefully for accuracy by using verb tables and a dictionary. 3. Revise thoroughly and practise using the tenses covered this year (present/passé compose/imperfect/future) for your writing and speaking exams in particular. 4. Do not use translations sites or ask a tutor/French friend to write your answers when preparing. You will be penalised if this happens. 5. Revise vocabulary from the end of each topic carefully. 6. Use websites such as www.linguascope.com (username:jessdubai; password jesslangs) www.bbcbitesize.co.uk www.languagesonline.org.uk 7. Read French magazines such as 'Allons-y' and 'Bonjour' which can be found in the LRC. 8. Print out your own extra revision resources which can be found in the student shared area under French.

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Arabic

Year Group	Yr 9
Subject	Arabic
Format	4 exams: 1. Writing: There will be a list of topics that you will be able to revise from. 2. Speaking: You will be given a few questions 2 weeks before the exam in which time you can practise and prepare. 3. Listening comprehension. 4. Reading comprehension.
Time	The Reading, Listening and Writing exam will take about 1 lesson each. The Speaking will take 5 minutes. It will take place during the lesson.
Topics to be examined	Family, sport and hobbies, free time, describing people, the weather, directions. • Family (introducing and talking about my family) • Sports and hobbies (Like, dislike and hate and give reasons, my favourite hobby, what do I do in my free time? • Describing myself and others using colours and sizes. • Talk about the weather, the four seasons and distinguish between the UAE and UK. • Giving directions and places in the city. Imperative • possessive endings (my, his, her, you for masculine + feminine) • adjectives for both (masculine + feminine) • Verbs' tenses (past, present and future) • Interrogatives (forms of the questions) • Connective words.
Top Tips!	1. Make sure you prepare the writing and speaking tasks carefully by using the booklets, worksheets and work you have previously completed. 2. Check your work carefully for accuracy and use a dictionary. 3. Practise writing taking into consideration the adjectives order with its noun opposite to English language. 4. Practice speaking regularly with your peers. 5. Do not use translations sites or ask a tutor/Arabic friend to write your answers when preparing. This will not benefit you and do some independent learning. 6. Revise vocabulary from the end of each topic carefully and work on your spelling.

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Art

Year Group	Yr 9
Subject	ART
Format	A drawing from direct observation in pencil. The object, paper and pencil are provided by the art department. The exam is done in lesson time, in silence.
Time	1 hour
Topics to be examined	• Line • Tone • Texture • Shape • Form • Composition • Accuracy/ likeness to the original object
Top Tips!	• Practise drawing from observation (ie not from a photo, from a real object) at home, as well as in class. • Use a good quality long pencil – not a chewed up stub! HB will be fine – no need to use lots of grades for this task. • Keep your pencil SHARP! • Don't press too hard at first – you can add tone once you have the shape correctly drawn • Don't talk and draw at the same time – your brain will get confused and the drawing will suffer. • Consider composition and scale – don't draw too small! • Vary the pressure/ weight of the lines to suggest tone • When shading, keep marks made close together – unless it is a quick expressive sketch, do not scribble • Use an eraser to refine your drawing, or to "draw" with – you can lighten dark tones/ add highlights with the eraser if appropriate. • Look at lots of examples of artists' drawings: Eg: JIM DINE; CLAES OLDENBURG; DAVID HOCKNEY; ANTOINE WATTEAU; HANS HOLBEIN - ask in the LRC. **REMEMBER** – there is not a "right" or a "wrong" way to draw – there are lots of ways to draw, but in this exam we are testing **accuracy**, as opposed to expressive qualities. However, we will recognise and reward your talents, whatever they are! Don't worry if you find this difficult - **PRACTISE makes PERFECT!**

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History

Year Group	Yr 9
Subject	History
Format	1 paper containing three questions. One short answer and two extended response. There will be a choice of 5 questions.
Time	1 hour – try spending 5 mins on the first question and 25 on the remaining two. Allow 5 mins for planning.
Topics to be examined	• Long term causes of WW1 • Immediate causes of WW1 • The Versailles treaty and its impact on Germany • Problems in Germany and the Rise of Hitler 1919-1933 • German foreign policy 1933-1939 • The failure of Versailles and The League of Nations • The causes of WW2
Top Tips!	Make study notes for each topic, using a separate page for each. Try not to fill the page with text, write in bullet points that contain only the key information. Have someone test you on the notes you've made. This can be either a family member or a study buddy. Study maps to ensure you understand the movement of troops in both the first and second world wars. You may have these in your exercise books. If not, they are easily found on the net. Practise writing in timed conditions. Create a series of questions you are likely to be asked and see if you can write an extended response within 25 minutes. Remember to structure your work . You may find the following websites useful: www.**spartacus**.schoolnet.co.uk/ www.**bbc**.co.uk/history/worldwars/wwone/ www.historylearningsite.co.uk/**Nazi**%20**Germany**.htm

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Geography

Year Group	Yr 9
Subject	Geography
Format	One extended writing task allowing students the opportunity to demonstrate their understanding of fossil fuels and their impact on the environment.
Time	1 hour – try to spend 10 minutes at the beginning planning your answer
Topics to be examined	• Energy
Top Tips!	Be prepared – have a pen, pencil, ruler and coloured pencils. **Command words** **Describe** means say what you see. **Explain** means give reasons. **Evaluate** means weigh up both sides and make a judgement **Conclude** means decide by reasoning. If you can explain, evaluate and reach a conclusion you will be working at a higher level.

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Resistant Materials

Year Group	Yr 9
Subject	Resistant Materials
Format	Practical
Time	55 minutes **(AFTER EXAM WEEK)**
Topics to be examined	Mechanisms and Structures Assessment will be based on Catapult performance
Top Tips!	Bring with you: Lots of enthusiasm! http://www.technologystudent.com/

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ICT

Year Group	Yr 9
Subject	ICT
Format	Students will be completing a review of the project work they have completed throughout Year 9 during the ICT examination session. No revision is required for this session as this a coursework task.