



# Castle View Academy

## Rank Order Assessment

### *Assessment Advice for Year 9 Parents and Students*

*Here at Castle View Academy, we follow an assessment system known as **Rank Order Assessments**. Twice a year, students sit a series of assessments under exam conditions which are marked and used to determine their rank within their year group in school but also amongst their peers in other schools across the United Learning Trust. This process allows us to set groups according to ability, challenging those in higher sets while providing support for those in lower sets. The outcomes of these assessments will be discussed with parents/carers at length (usually at a parents' evening) so that all parties involved know exactly what should be done for each student to achieve their very best during their time here school. **It is therefore very important your child fully prepares for these assessments and spends time doing the revision needed to do their best.***





### Tips to support ROA success:

**Be present.** 100% attendance will ensure there are no gaps in knowledge.

**Be prepared.** Arrive to school each day with all the equipment you need. Be ready to learn.

**Be determined.** Work hard both at school and on homework.

### Ways to revise:

## Pomodoro Technique

25 minutes of work  
5 minutes of break



## Blank page

Put away your notes and write everything you know onto a blank page – check your notes later to see what you missed



## Dual-Coding

Combine words + images:



Look at images and explain them in your own words OR draw pictures to go with information you are trying to learn

## Revision Cards



Note down key information.  
Quiz yourself.



## Example Revision Timetable:

Day	Time	Subject and Topic Area
Monday	5:00 – 5:30	English – transactional writing
Tuesday	5:00 – 5:30	Science – cells and microscopy
Wednesday	5:00 – 5:30	Maths – decimal multiplication
Thursday	5:00 – 5:30	Spanish – Can you list family members? How many?
Friday	5:00 – 5:30	History – causes of World War I
Saturday	10:00 – 10:30	Geography – evidence of climate change
	10:30 – 11:00	Ethics – Thomas Aquinas – Natural Law

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	10:30 – 11:00	





Subject specific information:

<b>English Writing</b>		
<b>Contact:</b> <a href="mailto:Isabella.Embleton@castleviewacademy.org.uk">Isabella.Embleton@castleviewacademy.org.uk</a>		
<b>Length:</b>	45 minutes	
<b>Knowledge and skills:</b>	<p>Transaction writing using past, present, future.</p> <p>Use of word of the week</p> <p>Anaphora</p> <p>Appositive phrases</p> <p>Pronouns</p> <p>Rhetorical questions</p> <p>Imperatives</p>	<p><b>Revised?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>
<b>Where to find revision:</b>	<p>Your book</p> <p>Revision booklet to be handed out in class.</p>	
<b>Top tips:</b>	Time yourself writing using the structure. When finished, check your spelling, punctuation and grammar.	

<b>English Reading</b>		
<b>Contact:</b> <a href="mailto:Isabella.Embleton@castleviewacademy.org.uk">Isabella.Embleton@castleviewacademy.org.uk</a>		
<b>Length:</b>	45 minutes	
<b>Knowledge and skills:</b>	<p><b>Text:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Adventure of the Speckled Band</li> </ul> <p><b>Themes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Power</li> <li>Greed</li> <li>Gender</li> </ul> <p><b>Characters:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Holmes</li> <li>Roylott</li> <li>Helen Stoner</li> </ul> <p>Writing of What, How, Why paragraphs</p>	<p><b>Revised?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>
<b>Where to find revision:</b>	<p>Your book</p> <p>Your copy of The Speckled Band</p> <p>Revision booklet to be handed out in class.</p>	
<b>Top tips:</b>	<p>Make sure you know what the story is about. This is a closed book exam so you must know quotations.</p> <p>Revise using MAP on key quotations.</p>	

# Mathematics

**Contact: [Adam.Lee@castleviewacademy.org.uk](mailto:Adam.Lee@castleviewacademy.org.uk)**

Length:	2 x 60 minutes	
Knowledge and skills:	Decimal Multiplication Estimation HCF and LCM of large numbers Fractions calculations Simplifying algebra Laws of indices Expanding brackets and Factorising Expressions and Substitution Percentages with a calculator Proportion Probability Linear Equations and Linear Inequalities Sequences Pythagoras Interior and Exterior Angles Parallel Lines	Revised? <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Where to find revision:	Your book Mathswatch: <a href="http://vle.mathswatch.co.uk">vle.mathswatch.co.uk</a>	
Top tips:	On Mathswatch, click on "videos", from there you can search up any topics listed above. There are videos showing examples from each as well as questions for you to complete.	



# Science

Contact: [teresa.baverstock@castleviewacademy.org.uk](mailto:teresa.baverstock@castleviewacademy.org.uk)

Length:	3 x 40 minutes	
Knowledge and skills:	<p>Cells and microscopy</p> <p>Specialised cells</p> <p>food webs/ chains</p> <p>Organs and organ systems</p> <p>Muscles and bones</p> <p>Food groups/ tests</p> <p>Plants and photosynthesis</p> <p>Atoms and particle theory</p> <p>Atoms and periodic table</p> <p>Chemical reactions of acids</p> <p>Reactivity - displacement</p> <p>Rates of reaction</p> <p>Exothermic and endothermic reactions</p> <p>Energy stores and pathways</p> <p>Electricity and</p> <p>Magnetism</p> <p>Forces</p> <p>Waves</p>	<p>Revised?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>
Where to find revision:	<p>Your book</p> <p>Your Homework book</p> <p>Seneca <a href="https://app.senecalearning.com/">https://app.senecalearning.com/</a></p> <p>BBC Bitesize <a href="#">KS3 Science - BBC Bitesize</a></p> <p>Oak national Academy <a href="#">Science lessons for Key Stage 3 students - Oak National Academy (thenational.academy)</a></p>	
Top tips:	<p>Revise all content in the topics listed above. Remember to also practice the working scientifically skills used in your homework/ lessons.</p>	





# History

Contact: [daniel.bull@castlevewacademy.org.uk](mailto:daniel.bull@castlevewacademy.org.uk)

Length:	60 minutes	
Knowledge and skills:	<p>Causes of World War One</p> <p>World War One</p> <p>Treaty of Versailles</p> <p>Suffragists &amp; Suffragettes</p> <p>Dictatorships in Europe</p> <p>World War Two</p> <p>The Holocaust</p>	<p>Revised?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>
Where to find revision:	<p>Your book</p> <p>Seneca - <a href="https://app.senecalearning.com/">https://app.senecalearning.com/</a></p> <p>BBC Bitesize - <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zk26n39">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zk26n39</a></p> <p>Oak National Lessons - <a href="https://classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-year/year-9/subjects/history">https://classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-year/year-9/subjects/history</a></p>	
Top tips:	Revise all content in the topics listed above. Remember to also review the skills you have been taught, such as how to analyse a source effectively.	







# Geography

Contact: [harry.randall@castleviewacademy.org.uk](mailto:harry.randall@castleviewacademy.org.uk)

Length:	1 hour	
Knowledge and skills:	<p>Climate change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evidence of climate change</li> <li>• Effects of climate change</li> <li>• Enhanced greenhouse effect</li> <li>• Effectiveness of a mitigation strategy</li> </ul> <p>Life in an emerging country (Brazil and Nigeria)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Features of emerging countries</li> <li>• Pull factors of urbanisation</li> <li>• Challenges of living in urban areas</li> <li>• Impact of a TNC (Shell) - positive and negative.</li> </ul> <p>Skills – Calculate increase of data, complete graphs, describe patterns on graphs (TEA), PDD and APDD paragraphs.</p>	<p>Revised?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>
Where to find revision:	<p>Your book</p> <p>Knowledge organisers</p> <p>Seneca</p>	
Top tips:	<p>Practice chains of reason – give a fact. ....this means ... which means.</p> <p>Create a mindmap using the headings from above for each topic, complete it from recall in one colour. Check it using your knowledge organiser and add any information you missed in another colour – repeat this multiple times.</p>	





# Ethics

**Contact:** [charlotte.houghton@castleviewacademy.org.uk](mailto:charlotte.houghton@castleviewacademy.org.uk)

<b>Length:</b>	<b>1 hour</b>	
<b>Knowledge and skills:</b>	<p><b>Life and Death</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thomas Aquinas – Natural Law</li> <li>• Situation Ethics</li> <li>• Sanctity of Life</li> <li>• Abortion</li> <li>• Euthanasia</li> <li>• Capital Punishment</li> </ul> <p><b>Issues of Equality</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Religious views on equality</li> <li>• Racism and scripture</li> <li>• Fight for racial equality</li> <li>• Gender equality</li> <li>• LGBTQ+</li> <li>• Disability issues</li> </ul>	<p><b>Revised?</b></p> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> </div>
<b>Where to find revision:</b>	Your book Knowledge organizers	
<b>Top tips:</b>	Create a mind map using the headings from above for each topic, complete it from recall in one colour. Check it using your knowledge organiser and add any information you missed in another colour – repeat this multiple times. Use PEE paragraphs for extended writing questions.	

# Spanish

**Contact:** [Ismael.Vendrell@castleviewacademy.org.uk](mailto:Ismael.Vendrell@castleviewacademy.org.uk)

Length:	2 papers – 45 minutes per paper	
Knowledge and skills:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can you list family members? How many?</li> <li>• Can you describe them? (Their look and personality)</li> <li>• Do you get on well with your father, mother, siblings? What can you say to talk about your relationships with them?</li> <li>• Can you list a few environmental problems?</li> <li>• Can you mention any solutions to those problems?</li> <li>• Can you talk about what you like to eat and when?</li> <li>• Can you talk about eating habits in other Spanish speaking countries?</li> <li>• Can you say what country you would like to visit in the future and why?</li> <li>• Can you describe the area where you live and what you can do there?</li> <li>• Can you list 3 geographical features? (Rivers, lakes, mountains, etc.)</li> <li>• Can you talk about some festivals in Spanish?</li> <li>• Can you talk about what you did last time you went to a festival? (Make it up)</li> <li>• Can you talk about your plans for the next festival you want to go to?</li> <li>• Can you talk about children's rights? (Make it up)</li> <li>• Can you talk about a recent shopping experience?</li> </ul>	Revised? <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Where to find revision:	<p>Your book is your best resource. Ask your teacher if you can take it home. If you do, make sure you bring it back to every lesson. (If you don't bring your book back to lessons. All the topics have been covered in your book. Look at the vocabulary lists or phrases you have copied right after the Do Now. They are essential for the ROAs.</p> <p>Use your login for <a href="http://www.languagenut.com">www.languagenut.com</a> (if you do not have it, ask your teacher) and practice the above topics there – especially vocabulary and exam skills!</p> <p>Your teacher will also be able to suggest useful websites and apps to help you revise.</p>	
Top tips:	<p>Doing a little bit of revision everyday is the key to revising for a Spanish exam – it can't all be crammed at the last minute! Choose 10 words a day for the different topics above and practice learning those, then choose a different 10 the next day etc ...</p>	