



KS3 Study Support

What parents need to know for the upcoming Welsh Government tests





Aims for this evening....



- Greater understanding of:
 - the National Tests in Reading, Numeracy (Procedural) & Numerical Reasoning;
 - the timetable;
 - where to find support.



WG Reading test

- WG Reading test resources on website:

<http://www.ysgolmaesydderwen.co.uk/learning.html>

- 1 hour paper + 15 minutes practise.

All the Literacy Reading resources can be found on the school website. (Ysgol Maesydderwen Website -> Learning centre -> Literacy -> Literacy Materials -> Literacy -> Parental support folder)



WG Numeracy - Procedural test

A Maths paper.

Approx 40 Minutes long.

Non Calculator paper.

Example Procedural questions:

<http://www.ysgolmaesydderwen.co.uk/maths.html>

<https://vle.mathswatch.co.uk/vle/>

All the Numeracy Procedural and Reasoning resources can be found on the school website. (Ysgol Maesydderwen Website -> Learning centre -> Maths - >

Maths Materials -> Numeracy -> Parental support folder - Year 7.8.9 folder).



WG Numerical Reasoning test

Problem Solving Paper.

30 Minutes (DVD - approx 10 mins long). Q1 is longer. (Suggestion: Start on Q2)

Calculators ARE allowed for this paper.

Example Reasoning questions from Year 7.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0BxH0Ci-z3gkBcmUtTUxMmtRa1k>



KS3 Subject Exams



- Each individual subject will decide their exam requirements;
- Some subjects may assess the students through common assessments;
- Exams will be held in class unless otherwise arranged.



Ideas for learning together at home

- Encouraging your child to read, even for just 10 minutes a day, can make a real difference. Reading material can vary; encourage your child not just to read books and magazines but also websites, apps, games and so on.
- Keeping up to date with the news will help children develop their awareness of the local, national and world community. Try to encourage them to read the newspaper or web-based news once or twice a week.
- When going through household bills, discuss with them what the bill shows and the various options on how to pay. This is a valuable life skill.
- Involve children in planning trips, holidays or events and even in household tasks and DIY.
- Try and relate some of the family weekend activities to what they are currently being taught at school. It will help make learning more fun.
- Remember, activities that involve using the internet, games and sports all offer valuable and fun opportunities to apply skills and knowledge.
- Encourage your child to do their best with their homework and complete it on time.



OECD research shows that discussing the news, politics, world events and testing general knowledge can improve reading ages and the ability to extend answers.....



Timetable...



Year 7	
Reading	Tue 7th May 11.30 (Hall)
Numeracy: Procedural (Online)	7Y: 1st May Lesson 2 (Mr Martin) 7A: 1st May Lesson 3 (Mr Mellor) 7S: 30th April Lesson 2 (Mrs Jones)
Numeracy: Reasoning	Fri 3rd May 8.50 (Hall)



Timetable...



Year 8	
Reading	Tues 7th May 11.30 (Mr Rees' classes. Hall) Thurs 9th May 11.30 (Mrs Thomas/Mrs John. Hall)
Numeracy: Procedural	<u>Online</u> : Wed 1st May Lesson 2 (Maths rooms) <u>Paper</u> : Wed 8th May 11.30 (Hall)



Timetable...



Year 8	
Numeracy: Reasoning	Fri 3rd May 10.00 (Hall)



Timetable...



Year 9	
Reading	Thurs 9th May 11.30 (Hall)
Numeracy: Procedural (Online)	9.1 (Mr Martin) 1st May Lesson 3 9.2 (Mrs Jones) 1st May Lesson 4 9.3 (Mr Mellor) 1st May Lesson 3 9.4 (Mrs Jones) 1st May Lesson 3
Numeracy: Reasoning	Fri 3rd May 11.30 (Hall)