

SAM Context for November 2021 SIMS Report: Year 9

Subject	Topics Assessed (that contributed to SAM)	Question Types	Additional Information
Art	Portrait Project – Learning how to draw face; studying Iain MacArthur artist; students producing a portrait with Zentangles.		Coursework: First Project towards the GCSE. Marked to GCSE assessment criteria.
Computer Science and ICT	Python Programming Assessment	Multiple choice and short answer questions.	Students were asked questions to assess their understanding of Python programming basics, including selection, iteration, sequence and data types.
Design and Technology			
English	The Hate U Give: reading and writing to analyse	A range of comprehension and analysis questions, developing the skills required for close textual analysis.	24 marks available: 4 marks – text retrieval; 4 marks – comprehension; 8 marks - presentation of a character in an extract; 8 marks - presentation of a character across a complete text.
Food & Nutrition	Modification of dishes to make them high fibre, designing a decorated cake showing understanding of physical functions of the ingredients. Practical work – cake making, decorating and bread making	Questions on modifying dishes showing understanding of the effects of changes made. Annotation of diagrams showing understanding of physical functions of ingredients.	CPI based on Practical 50%, Written 50%
Geography	People and the Biosphere	Resource based questions and some extended response questions	Formal exam board materials used for the assessment. CPI based on MidYis scores
Graphic Design	Caricature Project - introduction to Photoshop skills and techniques		Students were graded on their research section for the project and their caricature drawing and development on Photoshop.
History	How did 'Tommy' end up in the trenches of World War I?	Facts test + extended writing explaining the causes of war and conscription	CPI based on MidYis scores

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Mathematics	Aspiring 9 & 8 - Indices, estimation, solving equations, changing the subject of an equation. Aspiring 7 & 6 - Two way tables, estimations, multiples, factors, product of primes, fractions (+ - x /), simplify ratio, share in a ratio, proportion. Aspiring 5 - Place value, factors, multiple, product of primes, index numbers, roots, simplify algebra, substitution of algebra. Aspiring 4 - powers of 10, rounding, BIDMAS, negative numbers (+ - x /), fractions (+ - x /), percentages.	Exam style questions	CPI, based on Test taken in assessment week. Top 25% in the class are excelling, the middle 50% are achieving, bottom 25% are aspiring.
MFL	French –family and friends German – school Spanish - holidays	Listening, Reading, Translation and multiple choice grammar questions.	The listening and reading assessments were equally weighted when calculating the SAM
Photography	Behind the lens project: Surreal collage work and colourful portrait work.	N/A	Coursework : First Project towards the GCSE. Marked to GCSE assessment criteria.
Science	Cells, Atoms and Energy	Short answer and multiple choice questions	Average taken across all 3 sciences. CPI based on how students performed versus other students of similar ability (MidYis band)
RE	Christian beliefs & teachings and/or Buddhist beliefs & teachings	Short answer knowledge test	A holistic approach is taken for CPI – assessment, class engagement, class work
Textiles	Impressionism Project – Study 2 artists from the Impressionist Movement – critical studies. Drawings, paintings presented in sketchbooks.		Coursework : First Project towards the GCSE. Marked to GCSE assessment criteria.