

Westbourne House School

Revision – 8CE Summer Examinations

The Exam will consist of:

The summer examination paper will contain 3 sections: a knowledge section, a source section, and an essay section. If you are sitting Common Entrance, there will not be a knowledge section.

You will need to revise **all topics** that you have studied since the start of Year 7. This means: Slavery, Napoleonic Wars, 19th Century social reforms e.g. prisons, factories, & workhouses, the Industrial Revolution, the Transport Revolution, political reforms and public health. The knowledge questions will be on a selection of all topics (use your knowledge maps for each topic to revise). The source section will be on one of the topics, and you will have a choice of essay questions (all topics will be included, unless it was used in the source section).

If you are sitting Common Entrance because your senior school wants you to, you will also need to study the American War of Independence because it may come up as a source question, but you will be given a work pack for this (see Mr Donald for more information on this).

Equipment you will need for the exam:

A fountain pen, spare ink and a highlighter.

NOTES/TIPS:

- Slavery, the Napoleonic Wars and social reforms are Year 7 topics.
- **The Industrial Revolution** topic includes: coal, steam and iron. You should also revise urbanisation and the growth of the big industrial cities like Birmingham
- **The Transport Revolution** includes the development of canals, including the Bridgewater Canal, steam trains and the Liverpool to Manchester Railway
- For both topics, you should revise key individuals e.g. Abraham Darby, Richard Trevithick, George Stephenson and Isambard Kingdom Brunel
- The more recent topics e.g. political reforms (Peterloo, Great Reform Act, Chartism) and public health (Public Health Act, Chadwick, Cholera etc) should still be revised – do not ignore them!
- As well as revising the topics studied, you should also make sure you know **QADS** and **ADKO** well to help you structure your source and essay answers.
- For any further information or guidance about revision or the actual exam, please contact the Head of History Paul Donald on pdonald@westbournehouse.org