

Westbourne House School
Year 6 Spring Exam Crib sheet

The exam will consist of a prose comprehension
60 minutes long.

Section	What to revise
A Prose comprehension Prose: an extract from a fiction (story) or non-fiction text (this might be a letter, newspaper article or speech)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read the text carefully – at least twice. You are a detective – the clues are hidden in the text. • Look at the marks available – a 4 mark question needs a considerably longer response than a 1 mark question. • Read all the questions before you begin – this will help you know which parts of the text to use for which answers so you don't repeat yourself. • Leave a line or two after each answer. When you check your work at the end you can always add/edit your answer to strengthen it. • Pay attention to the type of question you are being asked. Circle the question word (why/what/when might be asking you to find answers in the story whereas how might need you to analyse language). • If the question says in your own words make sure to explain using synonyms rather than quotations from the text. • Careful checking is vital. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Does my answer make sense? ✓ Does it answer the question I was asked? ✓ Have I written enough? ✓ Are my answers spelled and punctuated correctly? • Revise these terms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Explain, describe, discuss, identify, suggest, imagine - Quotation, evidence, character, setting, language techniques/features - Simile, metaphor, personification, alliteration, onomatopoeia - Repetition, rhetorical questions, emotive language, triplets - Parts of speech (nouns, adjectives, verbs, adverbs, pronouns, connectives)

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