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Dear Pupil and Parent

## **RE: Thomas Alleynes Year 7 Transfer Tests – 2019**

**DATE: Week of 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018**

As part of the transition process for your child's move to Thomas Alleynes High School they will sit a number of tests on their Science studies in Y7 and Y8. Pupils from the other Uttoxeter Middle Schools' will take the same examinations.

The first of the Transfer test, covering the Science content studied over Year 7, will take place at the start of Y8 (w/b 23<sup>rd</sup> September). The questions will follow the format of an old "KS3 SATS paper". The remaining tests will take place in June 2020.

The data from these tests will be used to inform us of your child's attainment and progress in Science during Y7 and Y8, we can then place the pupils in their appropriate grouping at the High School, during the moderation process.

The 50 minute Transfer test will be based on the units listed (please see over). Also provided is information about the revision process and sources of guidance and support that your child can use. As a group of schools we have an agreement that we will not run revision sessions for these tests in school. However, please understand that I am available if your child has a particular question or problem about a topic area.

We do hope that you will support us in this process, it is important to ensure that your child has the best possible start as they move to the High School system.

Thanking you for your continued support.

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# Y7 TAHS Transfer Test: Science

Dear Pupil,

At the end of September you will be sitting a transfer test for Thomas Alleyne's High School. You will sit a further test in June 2020 and the results will be used to inform the decision of which set you are in when you transfer to the High School. The test will be 50 minutes long and will be sat during a normal science lesson under exam conditions.

The papers will test your knowledge, understanding and application of a selection of units you have studied during Y7, they are as follows:

- 7A Tissues and Transplants (cells)
- 7C Environment and Food Chains
- 7D Classified
- 7E Acids and alkalis
- 7I Energy and sustainable living
- 7J Electrical Circuits
- 7G Solids Liquids and Gases (This will be covered at the start of the Autumn Term)

While the paper will focus on the above you should be aware that some questions may test your knowledge across the work studied. You will also be tested on your ability to interpret data from graphs and tables.

We would advise you to **start your preparation for the tests now**, it is far better to start your revision well in advance. There are lots of resources to help with revision, below are a few:

- Your science exercise book;
- Internet, here are just a few of the hundreds of helpful sites
  - [www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks3bitesize/science](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks3bitesize/science)
  - [www.scibermonkey.org](http://www.scibermonkey.org)
  - [www.skool.co.uk/keystage3](http://www.skool.co.uk/keystage3)
  - [www.docbrown.info/ks3science.htm](http://www.docbrown.info/ks3science.htm)
  - [www.darvill.clara.net/myon.htm](http://www.darvill.clara.net/myon.htm)

Effectively revision is not just reading through your books or revision guide, so below are a few ideas to help. (These will be equally useful for other subjects you are revising for now, or in the future.)

# Revision Suggestions

## Where should I revise?

Find somewhere quiet and comfy with a good light. It is important that it is quiet as it is the best way to concentrate after all you sit tests in silence.

## Make a revision timetable...

.... yes and try to stick to it.... and this requires will power!

Make sure the timetable covers all the units of science

Mix your strong and weak units so you don't do all of your difficult ones on the same day.

## Distractions

TV, computer games, PSP, Wii, MSN etc... should be avoided during your revision sessions.

## Practise Questions

*Practise makes perfect and it's true - this is essential.*

Your revision guides and many of the websites have practice questions to check your understanding. Do as many as possible and use the mark scheme to make comparisons to understand what examiners are looking for.

**Below is one method of revision that you might want to try.**

### Step 1: Understand

- Study the topic to be learnt slowly
- Make sure you understand the key points and ideas
- Mark up the text if necessary – underline, highlight etc
- Re-read each paragraph slowly

### GO TO STEP 2

### Step 2: Summarise

- Now make your revision note summary
- What is the main idea, theme, concept?
- What are the main points?
- Use bullet points, minds maps, patterned notes
- Link ideas using mnemonics, mind maps, crazy stories
- Note the title and date of the revision notes
- Organise the notes carefully and keep them in a file

**GO TO STEP 3, but first take a break.**

### Step 3: Memorise

- Take 25 minutes learning 'bites' with 5 min breaks
- After each 5 min break test your self
- Cover the original notes summary
- Write down the main points
- Speak it loud
- Tell someone else
- Repeat many times

#### GO TO STEP 4.

#### Step 4: Double check/Review

- Revisit units you have already revised to check that you remember the key points
- To help, create a revision diary to keep check of what you've revised and when.

***If you start your revision early, plan your revision carefully and follow your plan, your chances of success are greater. If you have any questions about the above please see Mr Hall.***

***Good luck!***