Year 9 Foundation Exam information 2025-26

The topics covered in each of the Foundation subject examinations are:

Computer Science

Year	Topic	Knowledge organiser
7	E-safety Hardware and software Algorithms 1	7.1 Collaborating online respectfully 7.2 Modelling data - Spreadsheets 7.3 Networks from semaphore to the internet 7.4 Programming in Scratch, part 1 7.5 Programming in Scratch, part 2 7.6 Using media – gaining support for a cause
8	Computing systems Developing the web Introduction to Python programming Media - vector graphics Mobile app development Representations – part 1	8.1 Computing systems 8.2 Developing the web 8.3 Introduction to Python programming 8.4 Media – vector graphics 8.5 Mobile app development 8.6 Representations – from clay to silicon
9	Cybersecurity Data Science Python programming with sequences	9.1 Cybersecurity 9.2 Data Science 9.3 Python programming with sequences

Drama

Students will be asked to describe, explain, and justify using examples from both recent and past practical activities how they would use **staging**, **space,** and **acting skills** to **communicate meaning** through theatre.

Topics that are to be revised are from Years 7, 8 and 9 and include - **Mood and Atmosphere** (haunted house), **Physical Theatre** (dragon poem), **Choral Theatre** (the pilgrimage), **Physical Comedy** (newspaper sketch) and **DNA** (script interpretation).

Knowledge organisers and practise questions will be set on Go4Schools for homework.

Geography

Year 7 Map skills:

[Knowledge organiser](#)

[Mapzone website](#)

Year 7 Rivers:

[Knowledge organiser](#)

Year 7 Climate change:

[Knowledge organiser](#)

Year 8 Geology:

[Knowledge organiser](#)

Year 8 Population:

[Knowledge organiser](#)

Year 9 Rainforests:

[Knowledge organiser](#)

History

You will be asked about:

Year 7:

Chronology

Invaders and Settlers

The Middle Ages

The Tudors

Year 8:

How did religious change affect the 17th century?

African Empires

The Transatlantic Slave Trade

Year 9:

World War One

Music

- Rock & Roll
- Bass Lines
- Film Music

RPE

Year 7 and 8

- Key religious terms
- Basics of Christianity
- Judaism
- Islam

Year 9
- Ethics and the law
- Ethics and the sanctity of life

Spanish

Y7-Y8
All the grammar learnt in Year 7-9 will appear on this examination.

There will also be vocabulary appearing from certain topic areas including:
Transport
Sports
Leisure Activities
Descriptions of yourself and others using the verbs "tener" and "ser"

Y9 - Orientate Unit
List jobs in Spanish
List activities done as part of different jobs
Opinions of jobs with reasons
Places of work and describing a boss
Describe a typical day at work using the present tense
Use the past tense to describe a past day at work
Use the conditional and near future tenses to say what job you would like to do in the future and why
Use the conditional and near future tenses to list your future career and life plans

Grammar
Present Tense
Preterite tense
Near Future Tense
Conditional Tense (Me gustaria)
Adjectival agreement
Tengo que + infinitive