

2008 key stage 3 statutory test timetable

The tests must be administered in accordance with the following statutory timetable.

Tuesday 6 May	Wednesday 7 May	Thursday 8 May	Friday 9 May
AM SESSION (UP TO 12 NOON)			
Mental mathematics test A (higher tiers) and test C (lower tiers) 20 minutes Mathematics paper 1 1 hour	English writing paper Longer task 45 minutes Shorter task 30 minutes	English reading paper 15 minutes' reading time plus 1 hour to answer questions	Science paper 1 1 hour
PM SESSION (AFTER 12 NOON)			
Mathematics paper 2 1 hour	Mental mathematics test B (higher tiers) 20 minutes	English Shakespeare paper 45 minutes	Science paper 2 1 hour

Pupils taking the mathematics tier 3–5 written test must take the lower tier mental mathematics test (test C).

Pupils taking the mathematics tier 4–6, 5–7 or 6–8 written tests must take the mental mathematics higher tier tests (either test A or test B).

In the English *Writing paper*, schools are required to administer the longer and shorter tasks in the same sitting.

Schools may choose the most appropriate start time for each paper within the identified sessions.

Within each school, all pupils should normally take the tests simultaneously.