



Annual Examinations for Middle Schools 2024

YEAR 8

ENGLISH SOURCE BOOKLET

In this booklet, you will find the texts which you need to read to be able to answer the Reading comprehension and Literature questions in the Main Paper.

Source A

Visitor Information

Opening Hours

Monday – Friday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.*
Saturday 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.*

* Last admission:
30 minutes before closing

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directions**



Ticket Prices

Adults €9 – Children €3
Family €21 (2 adults + 2 children)

Film and Multilingual Audio Tour



**SOUVENIR
SHOP**



**WHEELCHAIR
ACCESS**



CAFÉ



Artisan's Lunch

After a morning's visit to **Malta Traditional Crafts Park**, make your way to our café and relax over a hearty lunch consisting of some of Malta's best fresh traditional food. Food on offer includes our famous Maltese Platter and Maltese Tuna Ftira.
Pre-booking required.

Stone Sculpting

Ever wondered how a sculpture is made? At the **Malta Traditional Crafts Park** you can try stone sculpting for yourself. All tools and stone will be provided at an additional cost.



Group Activities

Olive Oil Tasting (only in September)

Most olives in Malta are pressed to make olive oil. Come taste our olive oil and learn about the history of the Maltese olive.

Lemonade Making

Our park has plenty of lemon trees. Watch how lemonade is made, and participate in its preparation.

**Pre-booking required for both group activities.
Minimum of 15 persons.**



West Country, Britain

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30th October - 4th November

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Bristol, Bath, Glastonbury, Exmoor National Park

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* Flight to Bristol including 25kg luggage

* 5 nights in 4-star Grand Plaza Hotel in Bristol

* Rooms with private facilities & TV

* Service of tour leader

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Adult in twin	€519
Adult in single	€499
Child sharing with 2 adults	€329

	ADULT	CHILD
Bristol	€45	€20
Bath	€45	€20
Glastonbury	€45	€20
Exmoor National Park	€35	€20

NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE

City tax of £40 per person per night is to be paid directly at the hotel.



Welcome to the West Country, the home of King Arthur and his brave knights! This is one of Britain's sunniest and most charming destinations.

Day 1 – Arrival and exploring Bristol

From Bristol Airport, an air-conditioned coach will take us to our first destination, the Clifton Suspension Bridge. This is an iconic landmark in Bristol, and there will be time to take a stroll across it. The marvellous views of the Avon Gorge are unforgettable.

In the afternoon, you will explore Bristol's busy Harbourside. This is an area full of cafés, restaurants

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and museums. History fans can visit the *SS Great Britain*. This historic ship was turned into a museum, and is the best way to learn about the city's fascinating maritime history.

Art lovers can discover the city's cultural side at the Bristol Museum and Art Gallery. They will have the chance to explore its remarkable collection of art, archaeology, and natural history.

The day ends with a visit to the Gloucester Road area. This is well-known for its mix of restaurants from all over the world. Music lovers can experience Bristol's live music scene by visiting one of the many music venues.

Day 2 – Historic Bath and a relaxing spa visit

Bath is known for its Roman history and stunning Georgian architecture. The Romans loved cleanliness, and the Roman baths in this city are some of the best-preserved in the world. Travel with our tour guide back to the city's Roman past.

Next, explore the impressive Bath Abbey, a stunning example of Gothic architecture. Afterwards, our group will have time to walk along the Royal Crescent, a row of Georgian townhouses.

We finish the day by unwinding at the Thermae Bath Spa, Britain's only natural thermal spa. Enjoy the rooftop pool with panoramic views of the city and indulge in spa treatments.

Day 3 – Glastonbury, the site of King Arthur's grave

We reach the magical town of Glastonbury early in the morning. It's famous for its connections to the legend of King Arthur. Our first stop is the ruins of Glastonbury Abbey, where the

ancient king is believed to be buried. We will learn about its rich history and enjoy the tranquil gardens.

At noon, we will have a good and hearty lunch in one of the local restaurants. We will then hike up

Glastonbury Tor, a nearby hill with a tower at its top. From there, we can enjoy breathtaking views of the surrounding countryside and visit St. Michael's Tower.

At night, this amazing town still has much to offer. We will have time to explore the craft shops, cafés, and art galleries, and perhaps catch a live music performance of Celtic music.

Day 4 – Be enchanted by Exmoor National Park

Exmoor National Park is a stunning area of woodland and coastline. Bring your hiking shoes for a leisurely walk through the Valley of

Rocks, a dramatic rock formation overlooking the sea. Keep an eye out for wild goats, which are known to roam the area.

In the afternoon, we will visit Dunster Castle, a medieval fortress inside the park. You will have time to explore the castle's interior and gardens, and to enjoy the spectacular views from the top of the tower.

What better way to close your holiday than with a traditional pub dinner? West Country food is delicious, and we will surely enjoy our time in a traditional pub, where you will taste regional specialties such as West Country cheddar cheese and Cornish pasties.

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Source C – Unseen Text

Caractacus Potts has invented a flying car called Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. Baron Bomburst, ruler of Vulgaria, wants it, so he sends two spies to steal it. By mistake, the spies kidnap Potts' 70-year-old father, John Potts. They take John to Baron Bomburst. We are in the Baron's castle.

Baron: Ladies and Gentlemen. Fellow Vulgarians. The entire Vulgarian nation wishes to welcome the brilliant Caractacus Potts, inventor extraordinaire.

[The SPIES enter with John]

Baron: Vhy, even now he is working on a car that floats on water.

5 John: You mean Chitty Chitty Bang Bang? I think there's been a bit of a mistake.

Baron: Vhich he is now going to develop for Vulgaria and its greater... *[Irritably]*
Vhat do you mean a mistake?

John: I'm not Caractacus Potts.

Baron: *[To the GUARDS]* Arrest him.

10 John: *[Afraid]* Sorry, I meant that I *am* Caractacus Potts.

Baron: Ah, and now...

[Fanfare, as car is wheeled on, by six very old, frock-coated assistants]

15 The car! No time like the present. This is my car. Please work your magic on it, Professor Potts. These are your six assistants... my team of Inventors.

Inventors: Hello.

Baron: They are very old. If you can succeed in making my car float...

John: Float!

[SOLDIER 1 enters]

20 Soldier 1: Baron Bomburst! We have seen a car flying across the border.

Baron: Flying? The car *flies*?! *[To JOHN]* Vhy didn't you tell me? You naughty boy. Very well, if you can fit my car with your float-fly feature, I will make you keeper of the Vulgarian purse.

Baroness: If not, we vill make you into a sausage.

25 John: I say.

Baron: You have twenty-four hours.

Baroness: You must meet the Toymaker. He's a genius like yourself. He works night and day to make the most beautiful toys in the world.

[Ceremonial fanfare... as the BARON and BARONESS exit]

30 John: I hope that chap is jolly well joking.

Inventor 4: The Baron rarely makes jokes.

Inventor 3: We had a bloke once came here, just like you. Tried. Failed.

Inventor 1: Got made into a sausage.

Inventor 2: They have terrible tortures.

35 John: Good grief!

Inventor 4: They stretch you and they shrink you if you don't do what they want.

Inventor 6: When I came here, I was five foot two. Now I'm six foot three.

John: But dash it all, a car that floats let alone flies. That's impossible!

Inventor 1: Nothing's impossible.

40 John: That's what my son's always saying.

Inventor 2: We'll help you, won't we lads?

Inventor 5: Noses to the grindstone.

Inventor 3: And if at first you don't succeed...

John: Give up.

45 Inventors: No!

John: Yes!

Inventors: No!

(adapted from *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* by Ian Fleming and Roald Dahl,
<https://issuu.com/mtiaus/docs/366-libvb>)

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