



5<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Dear Learner, Parent / Carer,

### S4, S5, and S6 Prelim Assessments

The Prelim Assessments for our S4, S5, and S6 learners will take place from **Wednesday 8th January to Friday 24th January 2024**. These assessments are a vital part of the academic year, and their purpose is to:

- Allow learners to experience exam conditions that closely replicate those of the SQA external exams scheduled for April and May 2025.
- Inform the estimate grades submitted to the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA).
- Provide evidence required for submission to the SQA in cases of illness or valid exceptional circumstances on the day of an exam.

### Study Leave

To ensure learners have adequate time to prepare, study leave will be offered during the assessment period for those sitting **National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher** exams. Study leave will run from **Wednesday 8th January to Friday 24th January**, during which time learners are only required to attend school for their scheduled examinations.

### Study Facilities in School

- **S6 learners** are welcome to use the school library or flexi space for study.
- **S4 and S5 learners** may use the canteen area for study.
- Learners may also make appointments with class teachers if they need additional support.

When attending school to study, we ask learners to:

1. Wear school uniform.
2. Sign in and out of the building using the study leave booklet at the front desk.
3. Arrive at school at the start of the day or at lunchtime to minimise disruption to the office staff.

### National 2, 3, and 4 Courses

Learners entered for **National 2, 3 or 4 courses**, which do not involve formal exams, are expected to continue attending their regular classes during the assessment period.

For learners with a combination of National 4 and 5 courses:

- Learners should attend National 4 classes as usual.
- Outside of National 4 class times, learners can choose to study at school or sign out to study at home.

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**In Summary:**

<b>I am a...</b>	<b>I am studying...</b>	<b>Do I get Study Leave?</b>	<b>What I need To Bring...</b>	<b>Where I need to go...</b>
<b>S6 Student</b>	Advanced Highers, Highers and/or National 5s	YES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• iPad</li> <li>• Notes</li> <li>• Materials to Study with</li> <li>• Be Dressed in School Dress Code</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flexi Space</li> <li>• Library</li> <li>• Prearranged appointment <b>(via email)</b> with class teacher</li> </ul>
<b>S4 or S5 student</b>	Highers and/or National 5/some National 2/3/4s	YES, but I need to attend N2/3/4 classes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• iPad</li> <li>• Notes</li> <li>• Materials to Study with</li> <li>• Be Dressed in School Dress Code</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Canteen</li> <li>• Prearranged <b>(via email)</b> appointment with class teacher</li> </ul>
<b>S4/S5/S6 student</b>	National 2/3/4 level subjects only	NO	Follow timetable as normal through the study leave period	Timetabled classes as normal

We thank you for your support in ensuring these assessments run smoothly and provide the best possible preparation for our learners. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,



**Mrs A Wilson**  
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