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Dear S4 Families,

Following the recent diet of practice prelim assessments which our S4 learners have undertaken, teachers have recently given the second round of interim tracking grades for all pupils in Fourth Year. This working grade is intended to give a reflection on the **current evidence of progress**. We are really keen that the 4<sup>th</sup> year take this information to plan/inform their next stages as they prepare to undertake the diet of formal prelim examinations in January 2022. The indication of effort, behaviour and homework should also provide a platform for discussion to ensure maximum effort is being applied consistently.

It is vitally important that all of our S4 now take and act on advice from staff re next stages. Strong attendance, timekeeping, application, homework returns and home routines are vital to ensure we are gaining robust evidence of progress and our S4 pupils are on course to achieve their full capabilities.

To help support our S4 learners, staff have undertaken learner conversations in each subject area. During these learner conversations, students were given feedback on how they are progressing and what steps they can take to improve between now and the third tracking report in February. We would encourage families to discuss these targets at home – students will have a record of their learner conversations on their school iPad and glow account.

We have also included a booklet created by staff for families to use as part of their preparations for the forthcoming diet of prelims in January. Each subject has provided information on what learners will be undertaking in class from now until January, with guidance and advice on how young people can prepare for their prelims. We hope this will help families to support learners at home in their preparations for the prelims.

### **Important information for S4 learners and families:**

#### Supported Study – in school provision

As communicated previously, a calendar of supported study is now running in the school – a wide range of National 5 subjects are on offer both at lunchtimes and at the end of the school day. The timetable can be found on both the S4 year group team which learners can access on their iPad and also on the school website. We would strongly encourage our learners to make use of this fantastic support.

#### E-sgoil online Supported Study

This is continuing to run all session for Senior Phase learners across Scotland. Young people sign up using their glow account and SQA candidate number (which can be found on the back of their school iPad) – [www.e-sgoil.com](http://www.e-sgoil.com) More information can be found on the S4 year group team.

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### Supporting our young people in the senior phase leaflet

Back in October we emailed families with a booklet on how families can help to support their young people at home as they prepare for SQA assessments. It detailed the range of supports on offer in the school as well as providing signposting to supports available on our school website for families on study skills. This booklet can also be found on our school website.

### S4 Formal Prelim Diet – January 2022

Our formal assessment diet of prelim examinations will commence on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Learners will be issued with a timetable before the Christmas holidays to allow them to prepare for these assessments.

We are delighted with the work ethic on display from our S4 learners and would encourage them to continue with this to ensure success. We would also like to thank families for their support this session.

If you wish to discuss the contents of this report further please telephone your child's own Pastoral Care Teacher in the first instance.

Class 4K  
Classes 4R1 & 4R2

Mr Squire  
Mrs Mills

Class 4L  
Classes 4T1 & 4T2

Ms Black  
Mr Carstairs

Many thanks for continued support.

Yours sincerely

L Edgerton  
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