



S4 Assessment Diet

Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time.

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12th May – 8th June 2021



S4 Assessment Calendar:

- Final assessments for all National 5 subjects (with the exception of PE) will run from Wednesday 12th June until Tuesday 8th June.
- S4 students will not have more than one subject per day – although for some subjects you may have two assessments e.g. Maths and English (Paper 1 and Paper 2).



Study leave and Masterclasses

- Normal timetabled classes will stop from Wednesday 12th May onwards.
- You should study at home for these final assessments.
- However, there will be 2 revision masterclasses with your teacher in the day(s) running up to your assessment which **you MUST attend** – we will take attendance registers and parents will be contacted if you do not attend.



Why are you getting study leave?

- We carried out focus groups with S4-S6 students and they asked overwhelmingly for study leave.
- This will allow you to really focus on these final assessments without having to go to a class before sitting an assessment in a different subject.
- However, you **MUST** attend the timetabled revision classes – these are **NOT** optional.



What will the assessments look like?

- For most subjects, the assessment will be a replica of an SQA exam paper BUT your teacher will keep you right on this!
- In some subjects the paper may be structured slightly differently so please make sure you talk to your teacher before 12th May so that you know exactly what each assessment will involve.



Where will I be sitting my assessments?

- Assessments will take place mostly on the top floor of the Lauderdale building. But classes will be smaller so that you are sitting alone at desks.
- When you come into school for your assessment, there will be an 'Assessment' notice board in the pupil entrance area of the Lauderdale building displaying which room you have to go to for each assessment.
- You **MUST** check this each day you have an assessment.



I receive additional assessment arrangements for assessments:

- If you receive extra time or separate accommodation or a scribe etc – you will receive a personalised timetable from Miss McFarlane next week.
- It is vital that **you** check the time – most of the extra time allocated will be early in the morning e.g. 8.30am – you CANNOT arrive late – if you do, you will most likely not receive your extra time!



Be prepared for your assessments:

- You must bring your own pens and pencils for these assessments.
- If you are sitting Maths, please ensure you bring your own calculator and ruler.
- Remember it is good if you can wear a watch too so that you can keep an eye on time although there will be a clock on display in each room.



Will my teacher be supervising my exam?

- It is more than likely that an SQA invigilator will be supervising your assessment.
- Therefore it is vital that you follow the instructions which are displayed on the next slide.
- Please also remember to avoid bringing lots of belongings with you to your assessment classroom as you will be instructed to leave these at the front of the room.



Key instructions for entering the assessment room:

- Upon arrival at school – check which location you have been assigned to for your assessment.
- You should arrive at your assigned location around 10 minutes before your assessment is due to start.
- Please line up outside the location quietly until you have been told to enter by the invigilator.
- As you enter leave all belongings e.g. jacket / bag / iPad and mobile phone at the front of the room.
- Mobile phones **MUST** be switched OFF before you enter the assessment room.



- When you enter the assessment room you must be quiet.
- If you finish your assessment early, you must stay in the classroom for the duration of the assessment.
- You should not leave until the invigilator collects your paper and gives you permission to leave.
- Remember this assessments must take place under SQA exam conditions – if any candidate is committing any malpractice (e.g. cheating) – this will be reported to the SQA and you will likely lose your qualification(s).



What happens if I am sick on the day of my assessment?

- If you are sick and unable to attend your planned assessment, your parent/carer **MUST** phone the school as soon as possible and speak to your House Depute Head Teacher.
- It may be possible to reschedule this but we may need proof from your doctor that you were unwell – this is similar to SQA exam conditions. This is to ensure the security of our assessments.
- Please do not worry about this – if you are unwell or have COVID symptoms you should not come in but your parent must inform us asap.



What happens after 8th June?

- On 9th June, all S4 students will return to their normal timetabled S4 classes.
- Teachers will provide you with feedback on your performance of these assessments – this will NOT be available before this date.
- You will then move onto the new S5 timetable the following week.



S4 students sitting 4 or less N5 Assessments

- Students who are sitting between 0-4 National 5 assessments will be given a different timetable.
- This will involve some in school time working to secure further qualifications and working with a range of staff.
- Mrs Forrester, Ms Samuel and Jenny Wainwright will give you further information about this.



S5 Subject Choices

- Please ensure you have completed your S5 option form online no later than Monday 3rd May – we must have your choices so that we can write the new timetable for June.
- Option form is available in the S4 year group team.
- See Mrs Forrester asap if you need any help with this.



Highlight your assessments and masterclasses

- You will now be issued with a copy of your assessment calendar and masterclasses.
- Take your time to carefully highlight all of your assessments and the masterclasses for these subjects.
- Take a photo this with your school iPad AND mobile phone and keep this somewhere safe!

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The best way
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when things go wrong
and start thinking
about how awesome
life will be when
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