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Dear S4 families,

I hope that everyone has enjoyed a settled start to what has already been a very busy term.

We have been very impressed by the commitment and application demonstrated by our S4 students towards their studies since their return to school this month. We are now about to commence the diet of prelim assessments which starts on **Monday 24th January and runs up to and including Friday 4th February**. All learners in S4 will continue to follow their normal timetable of classes during this time. Students have been provided with an assessment timetable which can also be accessed via the year group team on Glow and also the school website.

The formal SQA exam diet is due to commence on **Tuesday 26th April** and a copy of the timetable can be found on both the school website and the year group team.

We understand that most of our S4 learners will return for S5 in August, however if your young person is considering leaving school at the end of S4, we would ask that your young person's Pastoral Care Teacher is informed of this. This is so that we can ensure the appropriate support is provided to help them move towards a positive destination. We have a range of staff in the school who help to support our school leavers including Miss Kathleen Cusick, our Developing Young Workforce Co-ordinator as well as our Skills Development Scotland Careers Advisors, Vanessa Kokota and Nicky Mearns. Their contact details can be found on the S4 year group team.

S4 PARENTS' EVENING

Last session, we enjoyed very high engagement at our S1 and S3 parents' evenings. Parents' evenings will continue to take place via phone calls this term and arrangements will be sent out to families via email nearer the time with advice on how to book appointments online with subject teachers.

Please find below some updated information re the dates for parents' evenings.

In order to provide the most up to date information and feedback on recent prelim performance we have swapped the dates for our senior school parents meetings' - we will now hold the parents' evenings as below for our S4 students as below:

Year group	Date	Time
S4 Parents meeting	Thursday 24 th February 2022	4.15 – 6.45pm





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S4 into S5 COURSE CHOICE PROCESS

Mrs Forrester, Depute Head teacher, will be issuing the S4 / S5 timeline for support and input for senior course choice. These will be issued this week and offers those stages an exciting time in thinking about their aspirations and possibilities for the future.

COVID UPDATE

Thank you for keeping us informed and communicating about positive cases. We have had some cases across the stages since our return. We continue to promote the regular use of lateral flow tests, there are plenty available from our school office. Lots of young people would appear to be in habits of doing this on a weekly basis.

We have continued, since the beginning of mask wearing, to work to encourage young people into habits regarding the masks. We have supported this by resourcing, purchasing masks and issuing face coverings, we would continue to encourage young people to be organised and bring their face masks with them.

A reminder as per the recent Scottish government guidance that;

- Anyone who tests positive will need to isolate for 10 days. They can end self-isolation earlier if they do not have a fever and test negative on a lateral Flow Device on day 6 and day 7.
- School aged children who are close contacts (both household and non-household) of those who test positive do not need to isolate as long as they return a negative lateral flow test result each day for seven consecutive days and remain fever free.

ATTENDANCE & TIMEKEEPING

Whilst we understand and sympathise with the challenges of isolation periods for young people and staff colleagues, we are really keen to ensure that this term is a busy one in learning and understanding progress and next stages. We are looking for your support in the promotion of attendance to ensure that every young person in our community is given the best chance to succeed.

Can we also ask for your support in ensuring young people are on time for school – classes begin at 8.45am promptly for our S4 learners. This will inevitably stand them in good habits for their futures, ensure they don't miss any crucial parts of the lessons and avoid impacting on others' learning by disruption to the start of the lesson. Your support is greatly appreciated.





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NEWSLETTER

Our next Hyndland News Newsletter will be distributed in the coming weeks via email with further updates.

As always, if you have any queries please be reminded of the House team contacts as below;

House Team	Pastoral Care Teacher	Depute Head Teacher
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Best wishes,

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