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Dear S5 Families,

As your young person embarks upon their studies in fifth year, we thought it would be helpful for families to share some key dates and information relevant to both our S5 learners and their families. These dates including key reporting periods as well as an overview of the wide range of supports that will be in place for our learners as they undertake this very important year at school.

Over the coming weeks ahead of the first report exercise, S5 learners will be undertaking a variety of assessments and will also be engaging in learner conversations with their teachers. These conversations will involve learners discussing their strengths, and perhaps most importantly, their next steps to continue to progress in their learning. It is really important that all of our S5 students take and act upon the advice from their teachers regarding their next stages. Strong attendance, timekeeping, application, homework returns and home routines are vital to ensure we are gaining robust evidence of progress and our senior phase pupils are on course to achieve their full capabilities.

To support our S5 families, we will be holding an Exams Success Evening for S4 and S5 families on **Tuesday 20th September – starting at 6pm until around 7.30pm**. The evening will begin in the Airlie Theatre and will involve some workshops following this including managing stress at home during exam times, supporting your child with English and Maths at home, as well as study skills. We very much hope you can join us on this evening.

Important information for S5 Learners and Families

Key Dates – Tracking Reports and Parents Meeting

- Tracking report 1 will be issued during week of 10th October 2022.
- Tracking report 2 will be issued during week of 28th November 2022.
- Senior Phase – Targeted Parents Meeting – Thursday 1st December 2022 – please note this is a targeted appointment only event based on tracking data from report 2.
- S5 Formal Prelim Diet – Monday 9th January to Friday 20th January 2023.
- Tracking report 3 will be issued during week of 6th February 2023.
- S5 Parents Meeting will take place in school on Wednesday 8th February 2023.

S4 and S5 Exams Success Evening – How to Support your Child with their SQA Exams

On Tuesday 20th September at 6pm we will hold an information evening for S4 and S5 families. The purpose of this evening is to provide practical support on how you can support your child at home as they undertake their SQA prelims and examinations.

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Saturday Breakfast Support

This year our ever-popular Saturday Study Breakfast Support will return again – this will run weekly from the first Saturday in December through to the end of January 2023. Young people must sign up in advance using the glow form which will be posted on their S5 year group team each week. The sessions will take place from 9.30am until 12.00pm. Staff will be in attendance to support and young people will have the opportunity to work in a quiet and supported environment.

E-sgoil online Supported Study

The Scottish Government will continue to offer online supported study for all learners across Scotland this year. E-sgoil involves weekly online lessons delivered via Teams by teachers across Scotland, and is available in almost all Higher and National 5 subjects delivered here at Hyndland. Spaces can be limited so young people must sign up as soon as possible after registration opens. **Young people can register from 9th September (date to be confirmed – we will post this on the team as it has been delayed by one week)** with some sessions starting from 31st October 2022. For registration and more information visit the E-sgoil website on www.e-sgoil.com

Scholar Website / Support Materials

This is a resource provided to Scottish students by Heriot Watt University. Scholar helps to support independent study by providing class and revision materials as well as interactive assessments to check understanding of key revision topics. A range of subjects are on offer via Scholar including; Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Computing Science, Maths, English, French, Spanish, Art & Design and Business Management. If any S5 learner does not know their Scholar username to access the resources, they should speak to the Business and Computing Department who should be able to help.

S5 Supported Study Programme – In-House

A block of supported study will run in school to support our S5 learners as they prepare to undertake their prelims in January 2023. Learners will be required to sign up in advance via a glow form. Further information will be issued to S5 learners, their families and posted on the year group team that students should check regularly.

We are delighted with how our S5 learners have settled back into school following the summer holidays and please be reassured we are planning to provide maximum support to our senior phase pupils to enable them to achieve what they are capable of. There are also lots of resources online to support our senior phase learners and families at home with private study - these can be found on our website (www.hyndland-sec.glasgow.sch.uk)

Many thanks for continued support.

Yours sincerely

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