



Hyndland Secondary School

S3 Formal Assessment Diet – April/May 2023

This leaflet has been produced to help support our S3 learners and their families as they prepare to undertake their formal assessment diet in April/May. The information below details how young people can prepare for these assessments as well as outlining what the assessments will look like.

Why are we running these assessments?

The majority of these assessments will take place in the Games Hall under SQA exam conditions. This will provide our S3 learners with a valuable 'practice' of sitting formal exams prior to them moving into the Senior Phase (S4). In S4, students will sit pre-prelims in November, so this will be a good opportunity to experience a formal exam diet.

The assessments will also allow young people to reflect on their progress in S3 and more importantly, identify their next steps in learning for S4.

What will the assessments look like?

For almost every assessment, young people will sit no more than one formal assessment per day.

The assessments will last one hour per subject (although Maths and English may give students a second paper at a later date).

The timetable on page 3 of this leaflet details the date and time for each assessment as well as what will be assessed to assist our learners in their preparations for these assessments.

For some students who have an Additional Support Need and require alternative assessment arrangements (AAA), it may be that their timetable is slightly different in terms of timings/dates of assessments so that we can staff this – further information will be given to individual students concerned prior to the exam diet commencing.

How can young people prepare for these assessments?

Learners should read over their class notes and jotters and take their own notes – this can be done using mind-maps or flash card style notes (see school website).

Completing SQA exam style past papers is also a great way to revise for assessments in S3 and S4. Learners can access SQA past papers and marking instructions at no cost on the SQA website (www.sqa.org.uk)

Learners will be given advice by their teachers on the best way to study for each individual subject.

West OS also has some fantastic revision resources for subjects including powerpoints with voice over descriptions as well as short video clips to enforce learning. Young people can access West OS via the tile on their Glow home page.

School Website Study Materials and Support Videos

We have a dedicated section on our school website for supporting private study at home.

There is a useful booklet explaining different study strategies as well as a blank study timetable that can either be printed or downloaded at home to help young people plan their weekly revision schedule.

There are also a number of short videos created by our senior students which share their experiences of studying for SQA exams and offer useful hints and tips on the best ways to study for different subjects.

www.hyndland-sec.glasgow.sch.uk

There are two sections that can be accessed on the main menu home page (Pupils – Study Skills section) and (Parents – Study Skills Advice for Parents)

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Date of assessment	Day of assessment	Time of assessment	Location of Exam	Subject	What will be assessed
24 th April	Monday	10.45am - 11.45am	Games Hall	Design & Manufacture	45-mark question paper assessing application of KU questions related to the manufacture of a workshop-based project which will cover: *wood, metal and plastic workshop processes of measuring & marking out, cutting & shaping, joining, and finishing * knowledge of design factors and the design process
26 th April	Wednesday	8.45am – 9.45am	Department	French	SQA Understanding language unit (reading paper with dictionary)
27 th April	Thursday	10.45am – 11.45am	Department	Drama	Mini question paper – section 1
28 th April	Friday	11.15am – 12.15pm	Games Hall	Business Management	Theory Assessment covering Marketing and other topics covered throughout S3.
Week of 15 th and 22 nd May	Music	Individual times will be issued	Music Department	Music	Practical Performance Exams
2 nd May	Tuesday	8.45am – 9.45am	Department	Art and Design	Expressive Section including the mandatory question and an unseen expressive question
3 rd May	Wednesday	1.10pm – 2.10pm	Games Hall	Geography	Questions will focus on Weather, Limestone and Urban
4 th May	Thursday	1.10pm – 2.10pm	Games Hall	Modern Studies	The Question Paper will contain 3 knowledge and understanding questions from the Crime and Law unit of the course and 1 skills question - the option question. This will be a National 5 standard skills question.
5 th May	Friday	8.45am – 9.45am	Games Hall	Physical Education	Factors impacting performance question paper
9 th May	Tuesday	1.10pm – 2.10pm	Department	Spanish	SQA Understanding language unit (reading paper with dictionary)

11 th May	Thursday	8.45am – 9.45am	Games Hall (Spanish SQA exams in classrooms)	English	Reading for Understanding, Analysis and Evaluation Paper (RUAE)
15 th May	Monday	11.15am – 12.15am	Games Hall	Physics	10 x multiple choice and 30 marks of short response questions – department will advise on specific content.
15 th May	Monday	1.10pm – 2.10pm	Department – L214	Fashion	Written paper – cover all terminologies and evaluative answers relating to the properties of fabrics
16 th May	Tuesday	1.10pm – 2.10pm	Department – Room L209	Media	Mini Question Paper covering content studied to date of exam
17 th May	Wednesday	1.10pm – 2.10pm	Department – lower gym	Dance	Technical and Performance Skills Assessment
18th May	Thursday	10.45am – 11.45am	Department	Music	Understanding Music Question Paper
18 th May	Thursday	1.10pm – 2.10pm	Department	Administration and IT	Practical Assessment covering Spreadsheets, Databases and Theory.
19 th May	Friday	1.10pm – 2.10pm	Department	Engineering Science	Learners have been directed to specific content via Teams. 60-mark question paper to assess knowledge and understanding in the following areas: Systems, Mechanisms, Materials & Structures, Digital electronics, Analogue electronics and Energy.
22 nd May	Monday	10.45am – 11.45am	Games Hall	Computing Science	Theory Assessment covering Software, Systems and Web. A Practical assessment for Software will be happening during May in class.
23 rd May	Tuesday	8.45am – 9.45am	Games Hall	Biology	10 x multiple choice and 30 marks of short response questions – department will advise on specific content.
24 th May	Wednesday	10.45am – 11.45am	Games Hall	Maths	Paper 2 – calculator paper – covering units 1 and 2 of course
30 th May	Tuesday	8.45am – 9.45am	Games Hall	Chemistry	10 x multiple choice and 30 marks of short response questions – department will advise on specific content.
31st May	Wednesday	8.45am – 9.45am	Games Hall	Practical Cookery	Written paper covering health and safety practices, skills and processes learned in class, and the use of ingredients.
31 st May	Wednesday	Periods 5 & 6	Games Hall	History	Question paper consisting of four questions on 'Scotland in the era of the Great War 1900-1928' topic