

S4 House Assemblies – August 2021



How to be successful in S4

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I NEVER
DREAMED
ABOUT
SUCCESS.
I WORKED
FOR IT.

- Estee Lauder

There are no secrets
to success. It is the
result of preparation,
hard work, and
learning from failure.

- Colin Powell

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Achieving @ Hyndland – the Senior Phase

- As of August 2021, you were registered as an SQA candidate as well as a student at Hyndland.
- You have now entered one of the most important years at Hyndland – what you do now will determine your senior phase journey and beyond!
- Decisions will be made during S4 about your level of study and pathway in each subject for example whether you will be presented for National 3 / National 4 or National 5

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Achieving @ Hyndland – the Senior Phase

How will departments decide which level you are presented at for SQA courses:

- Pre-Prelim Results – October / November 2021
- Prelim Result – January 2022
- Homework submitted from August 2021 onwards
- Classwork undertaken
- Unit assessments and class test scores

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Achieving @ Hyndland – SQA Exams

- As you will be aware, SQA cancelled the previous two exam diets (2020 and 2021 due to Covid.
- Schools were then required to enter estimated grades for each student based on EVIDENCE gathered during the year for each young person.
- Staff used tracking grades from throughout the whole session when deriving the final SQA grades.

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Achieving @ Hyndland – SQA Exams 2022

- On 20th August the SQA announced that:
- “SQA exams will take place from **26 April to 1 June 2022** with results day on **9 August 2022** if it is safe to do so”.
- If public health conditions do not allow for an exam diet to take place, awards will be made on teachers' judgements based on normal in-year assessment.

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Achieving @ Hyndland – SQA Exams – what does this mean for me as a S4 learner?

- You should prepare as if the normal SQA exam diet will go ahead including the school prelim diet in January.
- However, you should also be mindful that any evidence you generate this year in classes e.g. assessments, classwork and homework, may end up being used to contribute towards an estimated teacher grade.

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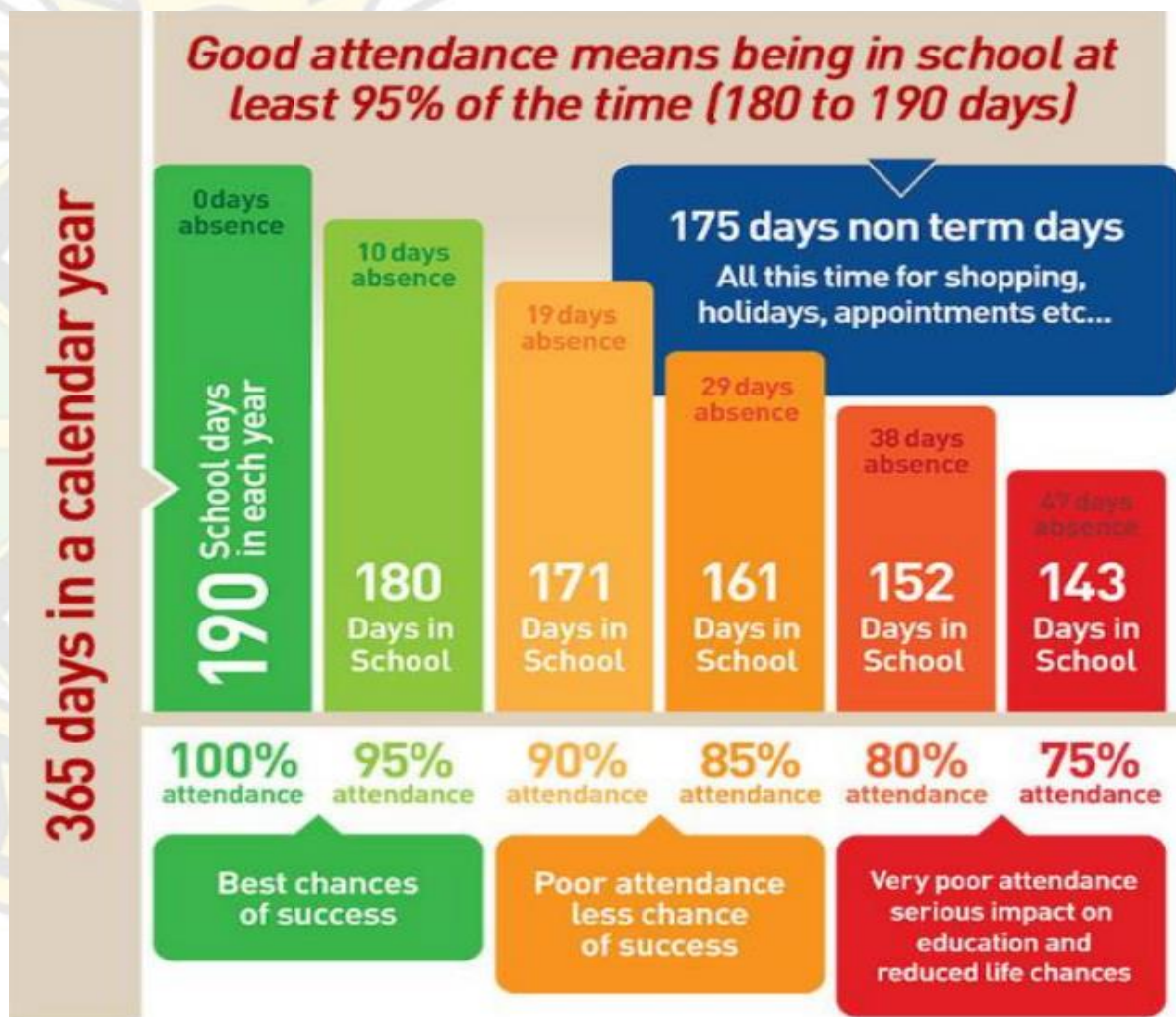
Achieving @ Hyndland – Attendance

- Attendance in the Senior Phase is vital if you are to achieve well.
- On average, our top performing 20% of S4 students had an average attendance of 97.49% whilst the bottom 20% had an average attendance of 73%.
- The figures do NOT lie! Even an attendance of between 90-95% can hugely impact on your attainment.

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Achieving @ Hyndland – Attendance

90%
attendance =
19 days of
school missed
in an academic
year!



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Achieving @ Hyndland – Timekeeping

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- As well as attendance, time keeping is just as important.
- Classes start promptly at 8.45am for S4 students. Therefore students should not be continually arriving late to school.
- If you have a class period 1 and are consistently late, this will have a HUGE impact on your chance of success in that subject.

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Achieving @ Hyndland – Homework / Exam Preparation

- It is vital that all young people in S4 are engaging with Show my Homework and any other online platforms used by their teachers.
- As an S4 student you must take responsibility for managing your time at home and ensuring all homework is completed on time. Remember the word 'EVIDENCE' that teachers may have to use to support an estimated SQA grade!

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Achieving @ Hyndland – Pre Prelim Assessment

Diet

- Following the October break, you will undertake a calendar of assessments in all subjects.
- The purpose of these assessments is to help prepare you for the prelim diet of exams in January.
- These assessments will be undertaken during class time in each of your subjects (notionally the double period).

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Achieving @ Hyndland – Preparing for the Pre-prelims

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- The diet of pre-prelims will take place in late October.
- This is approximately 7-8 weeks away!
- To help with your preparations for this, it is important that every S4 learner is now beginning a study timetable at home.
- We would suggest that at least 1 hour of personal study per evening would be a good starting point in addition to the completion of homework.

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Achieving @ Hyndland – Preparing for the Prelims

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- Sign up for E-sgoil online supported study sessions – information regarding this is on your year group Team.
- Attend Saturday breakfast study support – information will come soon about this – this is a fantastic support which we strongly encourage.
- Attend supported study in school – again information will follow in due course.

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Achieving @ Hyndland – E-sgoil

- Delivered weekly via Teams. You will be added to a team when you sign up.
- Delivered live by teachers across Scotland.
- You will have access to revision resources within the team too.
- All subjects studied at Hyndland in S4 is included in E-sgoil.
- These will run throughout the whole of S4.
- Many successful learners last year found these very helpful.

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Achieving @ Hyndland – E-sgoil

- Sign up via Glow on the E-sgoil website (www.e-sgoil.com)
- You will need your Glow username and SQA candidate number – both of these are on the back of your iPad.
- If you have lost the slip on the back of your iPad – SQA Candidate numbers are displayed outside the DHT office on the wall.



The illustration shows a student from behind, sitting at a desk with a computer monitor. The desk is cluttered with books, a globe, and a blue bag. Above the student, various educational icons are floating, including a graduation cap, a beaker, a book, a globe, a question mark, and a computer screen. The background is a light gray.

 Study Support
Webinars
2021/22
commencing
6th September 2021

National e-Learning Offer

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- Plan your time – spend at least 1 hour each night on two subjects (30 minutes per subject) undertaking revision which may include;
- Reading over and taking notes on S3 work.
- Practice past paper questions.
- Making flash cards or mind maps on work learned in S3 and early S4.

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Responsible @ Hyndland – Senior Phase Expectations

As a senior phase student at Hyndland Secondary School it is very important to remember that staff in the school will be writing references for college / university / employment applications for every student at this school.

We are asked to comment on the following:

- Attendance, time-keeping and reliability
- Commitment to courses and work ethic
- Attitude towards others and whole school commitment.

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Our expectations of senior phase students:

- Highest levels of attendance and time-keeping.
- Highest level of commitment to homework and classwork.
- Positive interactions with staff which is built upon respect.
- Consideration of others in the building – especially as many still feel anxious about covid.
- Positive ethos in the local community – we are all proud to be part of Hyndland.

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The background features a large, faded crest of Hyndland School. At the top is a sunburst with a semi-circle. Below it is a shield with a cross, set against a green circular background. At the bottom is a banner with the word 'HYNDLAND' written on it.

**Words of wisdom from some S5
learners on their S4 experience**

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FOR SOMETHING,
THE GREATER YOU'LL FEEL
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