## **BOROUGHMUIR HIGH SCHOOL**



## S5/6 PRELIMS 11-23 JANUARY 2018

## **INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/CARERS**

All S5/6 pupils are on prelim leave from 3:30pm on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January** until **Wednesday 24th January** when classes will resume at **8.32am**. All classes are suspended during the examination period. Your son/daughter will be told by their class teacher which prelim assessments he/she will be sitting.

The Prelim Examination diet runs from Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January to Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2018. The evidence produced by these prelims will help to inform departments of the appropriate level of entry for the May 2018 examinations although final levels will not be decided until March 2018.

In some cases withdrawal from presentation may be suggested so that your son/daughter can concentrate on fewer subjects in anticipation of better grades.

Parent Consultation evenings are on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February (H/L) and Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February (V/W). There will be an opportunity to discuss your son/daughter's progress and performance in the prelims then.

The prelim examination grades form part of the estimate grade that is sent to the SQA.

If any pupil wishes to come into school during exam leave they should come in school dress code.

- 1. Examination Timetable
  - As from Thursday 11 January 2018 your son/daughter will follow the Prelim Examination Timetable. This was issued at Assembly in late November. It is also available on the school website. Unless specified, all exams will take place in St Oswald's Hall.
  - Please note the dates and times of the examinations on the timetable.
  - Your son/daughter has been issued with more detailed exam candidate instructions.
  - Those pupils who have Alternative Assessment arrangements will have a <u>separate individual timetable</u> which they should use in conjunction with the main timetable.
  - Pupils are free to go home at the end of each exam.
  - Pupils should not occupy space in local cafes unless they are eating or drinking there.
  - Good behaviour in the local community during exams is essential.

## NB: SCHOOL DRESS MUST BE WORN TO ALL EXAMINATIONS

- 2. On the day of the examination you can support your son/daughter by making sure they do the following:
  - Bring with them: Pens, pencils, rulers, calculators, protractors, French /German dictionaries and whatever else they may need for a specific exam.
  - Leave all mobile phones and/or ipods etc. at home as they must not be taken into the Exam Hall. (SQA regulations)
  - Leave home in plenty time. Pupils must meet outside the Exam Hall at least 10 minutes before the examination is due to start.
- 3. Prelims at college/neighbourhood schools

For pupils sitting exams at neighbourhood schools, the class teacher will give your son/daughter details of when individual subject prelims will be. Prelims at JGHS will run from Monday 15 January – Tuesday 30 January 2018 and prelims at St Thomas' will run from Monday 22 January – Friday 2 February 2018.

- 4. If your son/daughter has a concern
  - It is not too late to resolve any concern your son/daughter may have about a subject exam. They should speak to their subject teacher or Guidance Teacher if they have concerns.
  - On the day of the exam: If they sleep in, miss the bus or have any other problem about arriving on time or attending their exam, they must contact the School Office immediately by telephoning 229 9703.
  - If there is a concern about the examination timetable or exam arrangements, please contact Mrs Paterson (DHT S5/6, SQA Coordinator) by email or via the School Office.

Finally, we hope your son/daughter prepares well for their exams and we wish them every success.