



S4 Prelims Friday 6 – Fri 20 November 2020

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS



As from **Friday 6th November 2020** your son/daughter will follow a schedule of prelim assessments on an alternative timetable. S4 pupils will sit a Mathematics prelim on Friday 6th November. All candidates will be dismissed from school at the end of their assessment. All regular classes are suspended during the prelim assessment period. Pupils should only come into school for the assessments they are sitting.

All pupils should return to school on **Monday 23rd November** at 8.32am.

On Tuesday 24th November pupils sitting Art should attend registration but will then spend the remainder of the day completing their practical assessment in the Art department. Practical music assessments take place throughout week beginning 23/11/20.

The evidence produced by these prelims will help to inform teachers of the appropriate level of course entry (National 3, 4 or 5). Final levels are not to be decided until later this session. Previously issued, more detailed, information about S4 prelims is found in the Parents Information section of the school website – available [here](#). S4 written progress reports will be available in December and the S4 Parents' Consultation is on **Thursday 14th January 2021**.

1. *Prelim Assessment Timetable (issued on a separate document)*

- Please note the dates and times of the assessments on the timetable.
- Your son/daughter has been issued with more detailed assessment instructions.
- Those pupils who have Alternative Assessment arrangements will have received an additional timetable specifying times, venue and any special arrangement eg. extra time or digital paper.
- Pupils must leave the school and return home at the end of each assessment unless they have a 2nd assessment that day. The time between assessments can be spent in the school atrium should they wish.

2. *On the day of the assessment you can support your son/daughter by encouraging them to do the following:*

- School dress code must be worn and all pupils are **required to wear face coverings**
- Bring with them: pens, pencils, rulers, calculators, protractors, French /German dictionaries and whatever else they may need for a specific assessment.
- Leave all mobile phones and smart watches (e.g. Apple Watch) at home as they must not be taken into the assessment rooms (this follows SQA regulations).
- Leave home in plenty time. Pupils must meet outside the assessment rooms at least 10 minutes before the assessment is due to start.

3. *If your son/daughter has a concern*

- They should speak to their subject teacher or Guidance Teacher if they have concerns.
- On the day of the assessment: If they sleep in, miss the bus or have any other problem about arriving on time or attending their assessment, they must contact the School Office immediately by telephoning 229 9703.
- If there is a concern about the assessment timetable or assessment arrangements, please contact Mr Munro (Business Manager/SQA Coordinator) or Mr Hembury (Depute Head Teacher) via the School Office.

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