



This document provides important information regarding the S4 course assessments. Please review each section carefully.

We are making temporary changes **from Tue 4th May** to the whole school timetable in order to create more time for the S4 to complete in-class assessments.

The whole school will move to a double period for the 2 week **Assessment Blocks**. Any updates to this document will be available on the school [website](#) .

An Overview of the April-June period is shown below:

		Apr		May					Jun		
		Tue 20 th	Mon 26 th	Wed 5 th	Mon 10 th	Mon 17 th	Wed 26 th	May 31 st	Mon 7 th	June 14	June 21
5	12			Tue 4 th teachers only and some S4-6 pupils)			(Tue 25 th closed for most pupils)		(Wed 9 ^h school closed for most pupils)		
		Normal Timetable P1-6	Normal Timetable P1-6			Normal Timetable P1-6	Normal Timetable P1-6			Timetable P1-6	Timetable P1-6
Easter Holidays				Week 1 Double Periods 1,3,5 only W,Th,F				Week 1 Double Periods 1,3,5 only Mon-Fri			
					Week 2 Double Periods 2,4,6 only Mon to Fri				Week 2 Double Periods 2,4,6 only M, Tu,Th, Fr		
		Revision & Consolidation Period Preparation for Assessment Block 1 Practical Assessments in some subjects		Assessment Block 1		Revision & Consolidation Period Preparation for Assessment Block 2 Practical Assessments in some subjects Fri 28 th May N5 English (S4,5,6) after school		Assessment Block 2			

Essential Information:

1. Assessment Schedule

During the **Revision and Consolidation** blocks all pupils will take part in regular class teaching and revision activities with their normal subject teachers - unless they are undertaking practical assessments.

During the **Assessment Blocks**, when pupils are not engaged in assessments, they will be given the choice to take part in subject-based revision with that subject teacher or revise for any other subject of their choosing.

There is **no traditional 'exam leave'** during this time. Pupil attendance is compulsory, and pupils must remain in timetabled classes at all times. This supported revision time is an essential element for pupils' in their preparation for their assessments.

Other than in English and Maths, all assessments will take place in class time during a double period. A detailed daily summary is found on the following pages as is individual subject assessment information.

The assessment schedule has been planned using **subject columns (A-H)**. This will minimise the number of assessments pupils have during this time and reduce the overall number of assessments. The subject-column information for each pupil will be provided by a letter issued to pupils in the w/b Mon 29th March. Class teachers can also provide the subject column information through the TEAMS channels.

Pupils with alternative assessment arrangements (AAA) will be supported throughout this period.

Any set **coursework deadlines must be met** by all pupils.

Pupils **must not share information about assessments** with other pupils in Boroughmuir or from any other school. This will be considered as malpractice and SQA malpractice protocols must be followed. This is to **ensure fairness for all pupils**. Mobile phones are not permitted in classes during any assessment.

As in all years, we aim for pupils to achieve a qualification in each subject studied at the most appropriate level. This sometimes necessitates a change in the level of presentation (Levels offered in S4 are usually National 3,4, 5). **Any necessary changes of course level will be discussed and agreed after Assessment Block 1.** This will allow pupils time to complete the necessary assessments at the appropriate levels and ensure the best chance of successful certification.

All course assessments are mandatory and must be completed. **Reassessments are not permitted** under SQA protocols.

Exceptional circumstances can be invoked if a pupil is ill on the day of an assessment. In this, case the school must be informed of the absence and it is advisable that a doctor's note is obtained.

2. Assessment Marks/Grades

This year the SQA have made it clear that schools must use **demonstrated assessment evidence** in the generation of provisional pupil grades.

The evidence used this year will be the results of the combined assessments in these 2 Assessment Blocks along with any practical marks (applicable in practical subjects) or any applicable folio or project work.

Schools cannot use 'teachers' professional judgment' or arbitrary pieces of 'work' to support levels of attainment. In the case of exceptional circumstances or where there are grounds to appeal a grade, other pieces of robust assessment evidence may be drawn on where they exist.

Further information on this process will be provided after Easter.

Pupil queries should be directed to class teachers in the first instance.

Parent's queries can be forwarded to admin@boroughmuir.edin.sch.uk.

Revision and Consolidation Period 1:

Date	Day	Note		S4 Practical Assessments
19-Apr-21	Mon	Holiday		
20-Apr-21	Tue		Normal Timetable P1-6	
21-Apr-21	Wed			
22-Apr-21	Thur			
23-Apr-21	Fri			
				Revision & Consolidation Period 1
26-Apr-21	Mon		Practical Assessments in some subjects	Modern Languages- Speaking Assessments start D&M – Folio hand in date
27-Apr-21	Tue			Computing – Practical Assignments start
28-Apr-21	Wed			PE – Football (boys) P1/2
29-Apr-21	Thur			
30-Apr-21	Fri			English – Folio (hand in date)

Assessment Block 1 – Scheduling of Assessments (by column)

Date	Day	Week Cycle	Note	Assessment Block 1	S4		
					Period 1-2 8.45-10.45	Period 3-4 10.55-12.50	Period 5-6 1.30-3.30
03-May-21	Mon		Holiday				
04-May-21	Tue	1	Inservice Day	w/b May 4th P1,3,5 only Double Periods	Column A		English N5
05-May-21	Wed	1				Column F	
06-May-21	Thur	1				Column E	
07-May-21	Fri	1				Column C	Practical Cookery
10-May-21	Mon	2		w/b May 10 th P2,4,6 only Double Periods	Column D		
11-May-21	Tue	2				Column B	
12-May-21	Wed	2					Column G
13-May-21	Thur	2			Column H		
14-May-21	Fri	2			Maths N5		

Revision and Consolidation Period 2:

Date	Day	Note		S4 Practical Assessments
17 -28 May	Ongoing	In normal class time unless stated	Revision & Consolidation Period	Computing – assessments Music – practical assessments (out of class) Design & Engineering assessments
17-May-21	Mon			PE – Football (girls) – after school Engineering Sci – (4H only)
18-May-21	Tue			PE – Hockey P5/6 Engineering Sci – assessments (4G only)
19-May-21	Wed			PE – Badminton (after school), Basketball (P3/4) D&M – assessment (4F and 4G) Graph. Comm -assessment (4G) Music – practical assessments (main day)
20-May-21	Thur			PE – Volleyball/Netball (P5/6)
21-May-21	Fri			PE – Tennis (P3/4)
24-May-21	Mon	Holiday		
25-May-21	Tue	*NQ staff support day		
26-May-21	Wed			Mod Lang Listening start PE – Rugby, Dance, Gymnastics (P3/4) Art – Design and Expressive Units (Wed 26 th May) Practical Cookery (Planning Assessment) – 1 period.
27-May-21	Thur			
28-May-21	Fri			PE - Individual Sport Videos to be submitted Practical Cookery (Service Details assessment) – 1 period (Fri 28th P1)
28-May-21	Fri	After school		English N5 Paper 2 (1.30pm-3.30pm)

Assessment Block 2 – Scheduling of Assessments

Date	Day	Week Cycle	Note	Assessment Block 2	S4		
					Period 1-2 8.45-10.45	Period 3-4 10.55-12.50	Period 5-6 1.30-3.30
31-May-21	Mon	1		w/b May 31 st P1,3,5 only Double Periods	Maths N5		
01-Jun-21	Tue	1			Column A		
02-Jun-21	Wed	1				Column F	
03-Jun-21	Thur	1				Column E	
04-Jun-21	Fri	1				Column C	
07-Jun-21	Mon	2		w/b June 7 th P2,4,6 only Double Periods	Column D		Column H
08-Jun-21	Tue	2				Column B	
09-Jun-21	Wed	2	*NQ staff support day		Column G	Drama (practical assessments)	
10-Jun-21	Thur	2			Drama (practical assessments)		
11-Jun-21	Fri	2			Computing (out of class) Drama (practical assessments)		

Date	
14-Jun-21 to 25-Jun-21	School, local authority and SQA work through final stages of local and national quality assurance to reach provisional grade results that are consistent, equitable and fair. Provisional grades are shared to parents and carers.

*Additional School Closure Days

There are two additional school closure to support staff work around the National Qualifications.

Tues 25th May and Wed 9th June all schools are closed across City of Edinburgh (there are a few pupils required to be present in school for assessments).

Summary of Subject Columns Key: 5 = National 5 6=Higher 7=Advanced Higher

S4 Subject Columns (excluding English N5 and Maths N5)

Column A	Column B	Column C	Column D	Column E	Column F	Column G	Column H
French Mandarin	German	Maths (Applications) Maths (N4) Biology Chemistry Physics	Drama Geography History Modern Studies RMPS	Biology Chemistry Physics	Art & Design Computer Science Design&Manufacture Drama Geography History Modern Studies Spanish Business Manage. Practical Cookery	Design&Manufacture Graphic Communication Engineering Sci. Woodworking HFT Media Music PE Biology Chemistry	Art & Design Computer Science Drama Media Music PE Physics Engineering Sci.

SQA Website Support

The SQA [subject pages](#) all contain information about the content of each course (listed in the Course Specification sections) and past exam papers. It is strongly advised to use these for revision for the 2021 assessments.

A helpful [What You Need to Know](#) guide has been produced.

Temporary Timetables

What you need to know for 2021

National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher



S4 Pupils will be issued with temporary timetables to support them in their organisation during the Assessment Blocks – these are shown on the next page

S4 Assessment Block 1 – Week One

	Period 1 8.45-9.40	Period 2 9.40-10.35	Period 3 10.55-11.50	Period 4 11.50-12.50	Period 5 1.35-2.30	Period 6 2.30-3.30
MONDAY 3 May	Holiday					
TUESDAY 4 May	Staff in service day pupils in to sit Col A subject assessments				In-service day – pupils in to sit N5 English assessment	
WEDNESDAY 5 May	Col H subject double period		Col F subject assessments		Col A subject double period	
THURSDAY 6 May	Col B subject double period		Col E subject assessments		Double PE or PSE (study)	
FRIDAY 7 May	Col F subject double period		Col C subject assessments			

S4 Assessment Block 1 – Week Two

	Period 1 8.45-9.40	Period 2 9.40-10.35	Period 3 10.55-11.50	Period 4 11.50-12.50	Period 5 1.35-2.30	Period 6 2.30-3.30
MONDAY 10 May	Col D subject assessments		Col A subject double period		Col H subject double period	
TUESDAY 11 May	Col G subject double period		Col B subject assessments		Double PE or PSE (study)	
WEDNESDAY 12 May	Col D subject double period		Col E subject double period		Col G subject assessments	
THURSDAY 13 May	Col H subject assessments		Col D subject double period		Double PE or PSE (study)	
FRIDAY 14 May	Maths N5 assessments		Col G subject double period			

S4 Assessment Block 2 – Week One

Important reminder – National 5 English Assessments will be on Friday 28th May After School 1.30-3.30pm

	Period 1 8.45-9.40	Period 2 9.40-10.35	Period 3 10.55-11.50	Period 4 11.50-12.50	Period 5 1.35-2.30	Period 6 2.30-3.30
MONDAY 31 May	N5 Maths assessments		Col F subject double period		Col E subject double period	
TUESDAY 1 June	Col A subject assessments		Col C subject double period		Double PE or PSE (study)	
WEDNESDAY 2 June	Col H subject double period		Col F subject assessments		Col A subject double period	
THURSDAY 3 June	Col B subject double period		Col E subject assessments		Double PE or PSE (study)	
FRIDAY 4 June	Col F subject double period		Col C subject assessments			

S4 Assessment Block 2 – Week Two

	Period 1 8.45-9.40	Period 2 9.40-10.35	Period 3 10.55-11.50	Period 4 11.50-12.50	Period 5 1.35-2.30	Period 6 2.30-3.30
MONDAY 7 June	Col D subject assessments		Col A subject double period		Col H subject assessments	
TUESDAY 8 June	Col G subject double period		Col B subject assessments		Double PE or PSE (study)	
WEDNESDAY 9 June	Staff only assessment day pupils in for Col G subject assessments		Staff only assessment day S4 Drama assessments			
THURSDAY 10 June	Col H subject double period and S4 Drama assessments		Col D subject double period and S4 Drama assessments		Double PE or PSE (study) and S4 Drama assessments	
FRIDAY 11 June	Col B subject double period		Col G subject double period			

Subject Specific Assessment Information **Year Group – S4**

Revision and Consolidation Period 1 and Practical Assessments

Tue 20th April-Fri 30th April

Subject Name	Assessment Information
Computing Science	Tuesday 20 th April – Friday 23 rd April Practical Assignment Preparation Monday 26 th April – Friday 30 th April SQA Practical Assignment
Business Management	Revision for Operations, People and Finance
PE	Performance Assessment (50%), 28 th April: Boys Football (N4/N5)
D&M	Design Folio submission 4G & 4F Friday 23 rd April
English	30 th April N5 Folio hand in
Modern Languages	Speaking, ask class teacher for specific date/time

Assessment Block 1

w/b Tue May 4th -14th May

Subject Name	Assessment Information
Computing Science	Tuesday 4 th May – Friday 7 th May SQA Practical Assignment Monday 10 th May – Friday 14 th May Written Assessment Revision (SDD, WDD, DDD, CS)
Business Management	Written assessment - Operations, People and Finance
Biology – N5	Multiple choice – whole course coverage Written response questions – selection of questions from whole course
Chemistry – N5	Multiple choice – whole course coverage Written response questions – selection of questions from whole course
Physics – N5	Multiple choice – whole course coverage Written response questions – selection of questions from whole course
HFT	Q1 & 2
Practical Cookery	Practical assessments on May 5 th P3/4 or Fri 7 th May 1.30-3.30pm (class will be split, see Teams notifications)
RMPS N5	Hinduism and Morality May 10 th P1/2
PE	17 th May: Girls Football (After School N5 + Higher) 18 th May: Hockey (During Core PE P5+6 N5) 19 th May: Basketball (In School P3+4 N5 + Higher), Badminton (After School N5 + Higher) 20 th May: Volleyball/Netball (In School P5+6 n5 + Higher) 21 st May: Tennis (in School P3+4 N5 + Higher) 26 th May: Rugby, Dance, Gymnastics (In School P3+4 N5 + Higher) 28 th May: All individual Sport Videos to be submitted to PE department (N5 + Higher)
English N5	Tues 4 th May Paper 1: Reading for Understanding, Analysis and Evaluation
Media – N5	12 th May: (G) Role of Media and poster analysis Assessment (period 5 and 6) 13 th May: (H) Role of media and poster analysis Assessment (period 1 and 2)
Music - N5	12 th May (G) Listening paper – full course (period 5+6) 13 th May (H) Listening paper – full course (period 1+2)
Drama -	7 th May (F) - Drama Section 2 written paper 10 th May (D)- Drama Section 2 written paper 13 th May (H) - Drama Section 2 written paper
Art & Design	Expressive written paper (2 nd attempt) Class F – Wed 5 May
Art & Design	Expressive written paper (2 nd attempt) Class H – Thu 13 May
D&M	Written paper (part 1) Wed 12 th May
Graphics	Written paper (part 1) Wed 12 th May
Engineering Science	Written paper (part 1) 4G Wed 12 th May, 4H Thu 13 th May

Practical Woodwork	Written paper (full paper) Wed 12 th May
History – N5	Whole Course Coverage
Geography – N5	Physical Environments (30 marks); 60 minutes
Modern Studies – N5	Whole Course Coverage & 1 source Question
Mathematics N5	Paper 2 – 1h 30m Calculator – reduced Nat 5 topic list
Applications of Mathematics N5	Paper 1 – 45m Non-calculator – whole course coverage

Revision and Consolidation Period 2 and Practical Assessments w/b May 17th – 28th May

Subject Name	Assessment Information
Computing Science	Written Assessment Revision (SDD, WDD, DDD, CS)
Practical Cookery	Planning x1 period (26 th May) Service details x 1 period (28 th May)
N5 RMPS	Assignment write up
D&M	Assessment (5B, 5C)
Engineering Science	Assessment (5C)
Modern Languages	Listening – Mandarin and French (26 th May), German (27 th May), Spanish (28 th May)
Physical Education	Portfolio (50%) - there will be no exam type assessment in N5 Physical Education. Assessment work will be ongoing in class through the PE Portfolio that pupils have been working through since November. Final submission on the 28 th May. Performance Assessment (50%) – these are scheduled for 17 th May: Girls Football (N5) 18 th May: Hockey (N5) 19 th May: Basketball (N5), Badminton (N5) 20 th May: Volleyball/Netball (N5) 21 st May: Tennis (N5) 26 th May: Rugby, Dance, Gymnastics (N5) 28 th May: All individual Sport Videos to be submitted to PE department (N5)
Media – N5	27 th May: (H) Final coursework due 28 th May: (G) Final coursework due
N5 Art & Design	Design & Expressive project hand-in with evaluations complete
N5 D&M	Written paper (part 2) 4G & 4F Wed 19 th May
N5 Graphics	Written paper (part 2) 4G Wed 19 th May
N5 Engineering	Written paper (part 2) 4H Mon 17 th May, 4G Tue 18 th May
English (28th May)	N5 Paper 2 (1.30pm-3.30pm) after school

Assessment Block 2 w/b May 31st – 11 June 2022

Subject Name	Assessment Information
Computing Science	Assessment 1 – Choice of WDD or DDD Assessment 2 – SDD and CS
Business Management	Written assessment - Understanding Business and Marketing
Biology – N5	Written response questions – selection of questions from whole course
Chemistry – N5	Written response questions – selection of questions from whole course
Physics – N5	Written response questions – selection of questions from whole course

Practical Cookery	Question Paper (Col F Wed 2nd June, P3/4)
RMPS	Existence of God (45 minutes) Col D Mon 7th June P1/2
HFT	Col G S4 HFT Wed 9th June P1/2. Q3- 6 pick 2
Computing	Assessment 1 (Option: WDD or DDD)
English N5	Paper 2: Critical reading (critical essay and Scottish set text)
Modern Languages	Reading and Writing (writing is the job application letter)
Media – N5	7 th June: (H) Analysis Assessment (Period 5 and 6) 9 th June: (G) Analysis Assessment (Period 1 and 2)
Music - N5	7 th June: (H) Listening paper full course (Period 5 +6) 9 th June: (G) Listening paper full course (Period 1 +2)
Drama - N5	9 th - 11 th June S4 Drama performances
Drama - N5	Written paper - Section 1 2 nd June (4F), 7 th June (4D and 4H)
History – N5	Whole Course coverage
Geography – N5	Human Environments + Global Issues - (40 marks); 80 minutes
Modern Studies – N5	Whole course coverage & 2 source Questions
Mathematics N5	Paper 1 – 1h Non-calculator – reduced Nat 5 topic list
Applications of Mathematics N5	Paper 2 – 1h 30m Calculator – whole course coverage