



Dear S4 students

Here are the main pieces of information that you need to help you with your S4 prelims.

Remember:

- These are practice exams. You want to do your best, and then find out where your mistakes were so you can do better in the summer.
- You will be a bit nervous. This is normal and everyone feels that way. Generally the best way to deal with this is to try it out, ask for help and fix things.
- There are lots of instructions below for two reasons. Firstly to make it feel exactly like real exams so you can learn to manage them. Secondly because there are lots of people working to help you.
- Ask if you need help: your teachers, guidance, Mr Hayes, Ms Hall and Mr Arricibita for additional arrangements, the school office, the exam invigilators, and support for learning staff are all here to make things easier for you.

Well done for all your hard work so far!

Mr Hayes

Assessment Timetable

You will be issued with a personal timetable nearer the time which has dates, times and locations for all assessments. You must ensure you know which location to go to for each assessment. Some of these will be different for different students (for example if you're using a computer). Look at TEAMS also for information. Most assessments are in the:

- Sports Hall
- Assembly Hall
- Dual Teaching Space (dts- rooms 3.03 and 3.19)

Attendance

1. From **Friday 3rd November** you will follow a different schedule of prelim assessments.
2. Days you **do have** an assessment - only attend this and not your normal classes. Arrive 15 minutes before the assessment starts and you must leave the school and go home afterwards.
3. Days you **do not** have assessments – you must attend your normal classes where you will have a supervised study period or classwork. Please ensure you bring revision materials on these days.
4. On **Monday 20th November** you will return to your normal timetable.

Check the dates and times of the assessments you are taking and inform Mr Hayes (Depute Head Teacher) immediately if you have any concern or assessment clashes.

If you have alternate assessment arrangements, please check your timetable carefully and see Mrs Hall in *Support for Learning* if you have a query.

Practical assessments take place at different times. Your teachers will tell you about these.

On the day of your assessment

- You must **wear school dress code**.
- Bring pens, pencils, rulers, calculators, protractors, language dictionaries and whatever else you may need for a specific assessment. They cannot be taken into the room inside a bag/pencil case.
- Be outside the assessment room at least **10 minutes before** the assessment is due to start.
- Listen carefully to instructions given in the assessment room.
- 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).
- All outdoor clothing, bags, pencil cases etc. must be left at the side of the Room. Do not bring valuable items to assessments as there is nowhere secure to leave them.
- The only food or drink allowed is bottled water.
- Enter and leave the assessment room as quietly as possible in order not to disturb other candidates already at work. Do not linger outside or near any other classroom/assessment room.

- You may not leave the assessment room without the permission of the invigilator and only once you have double checked your work.
- No textbooks or notes are allowed in the assessment room unless authorised by the invigilator.
- Absolute silence must be maintained throughout all assessments. If you require more paper, or have a serious problem, raise your hand to attract the invigilator's attention.
- Do not attempt to communicate in any way with other candidates during the assessment.
- Leave the school and return home at the end of each assessment unless you have a second assessment that day. The time between assessments can be spent in the school atrium.
- If you are late or have missed an exam you must contact the School Office immediately by telephoning 0131 229 9703 and let your teacher know.

Date	Day	Prelim	Level	Start	End	location
01/11/2023	Wednesday	Spanish Paper 2 Listening (usual class time)	N5			classroom
01/11/2023	Wednesday	Mandarin Listening (usual class time)	N5			classroom
03/11/2023	Friday	Mathematics Paper 1 (non-calc)	N5	08:45:00	09:45:00	sports hall, assembly hall
		Mathematics Paper 2 (calculator)	N5	11:00:00	12:30:00	
		Mathematics Paper 1 (non-calc)	N4	08:45:00	09:05:00	dts
		Mathematics Paper 2 (calculator)	N4	09:20:00	10:00:00	dts
		Applications of Mathematics Paper 1 (non-calc)	N4	08:45:00	09:05:00	dts
		Applications of Mathematics Paper 2 (calculator)	N4	09:20:00	10:00:00	dts
		Music Technology	N5	13:30:00	14:30:00	X1.17
06/11/2023	Monday	English Paper 1	N5	08:45:00	09:45:00	sports hall, dts
		English Paper 2	N5	11:00:00	12:30:00	sports hall, dts
		French Paper 2 (Listening)	N5	13:30:00	14:00:00	sports hall
		German Paper 2 (Listening)	N5	14:30:00	15:00:00	sports hall
07/11/2023	Tuesday	French Paper 1 (reading and writing)	N5	08:45:00	10:15:00	sports hall
		German Paper 1 (reading and writing)	N5	08:45:00	10:15:00	sports hall
		Mandarin Paper 1 (reading and writing)	N5	08:45:00	10:45:00	sports hall
		Engineering Science	N5	13:30:00	15:20:00	sports hall
		Practical Cookery Paper 1	N5	13:30:00	14:30:00	sports hall
08/11/2023	Wednesday	Biology	N5	08:45:00	10:45:00	sports hall
		Design & Manufacture	N5	13:30:00	15:15:00	sports hall
09/11/2023	Thursday	Modern Studies	N5	08:45:00	10:40:00	sports hall
		Geography	N5	13:30:00	15:00:00	sports hall
		PE Performance (dance)				
10/11/2023	Friday	Chemistry	N5	08:45:00	11:15:00	sports hall
		Music	N5	13:30:00	14:15:00	sports hall
		Graphic Communication	N5	13:30:00	15:30:00	sports hall
13/11/2023	Monday	RMPS	N5	08:45:00	11:05:00	sports hall
		Media	N5	13:30:00	15:10:00	sports hall
14/11/2023	Tuesday	Physics	N5	08:45:00	10:45:00	sports hall
		Art & Design	N5	13:30:00	14:20:00	sports hall

		PE performance		afternoon		
15/11/2023	Wednesday	Economics	N5	08:45:00	10:15:00	sports hall
		History	N5	13:30:00	15:00:00	sports hall
		Catch up slot				
16/11/2023	Thursday	Computing Science	N5	08:45:00	10:15:00	sports hall
		Drama	N5	13:30:00	15:00:00	sports hall
		PE performance		afternoon		
17/11/2023	Friday	Business Management	N5	08:45:00	10:15:00	sports hall
		Spanish Paper 1 (reading and writing)	N5	08:45:00	10:15:00	sports hall
		Practical Woodwork	N5	01:30:00	02:30:00	Sports hall
20/11/2023	all week	Music (practical performances 2 instruments)	N5 & Higher			
21/11/2022	Tuesday	Art& Design	N5			G.04, G.05, G.06