



Dear S5 and S6 students

Here are the main pieces of information that you need to help you with your prelims. You have done this before, so you know what to expect.

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 Ms Monaco 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 and Ms Paterson

What to do now

1. **Check / highlight the exams you are doing.**
2. You will be issued with a personal timetable nearer the time which has dates, times and locations for all assessments. Check it matches with this timetable and with any additional arrangements you have and if you think there's a mistake tell Ms Hall or Mr Hayes as soon as possible and at least a week before the exam.
3. Check you know where to go. Some of these will be different for different students (for example if you're using a computer). Most assessments are in the:
 - Sports Hall
 - Assembly Hall
 - Dual Teaching Space (dts- rooms 3.03 and 3.19)
 - Dance studio (on ground floor of extension- access through first floor link)

Attendance

- From **Friday 12th January** you will follow a different schedule of prelim assessments.
- S6s have study leave from 12th January to Friday 26th January. Some practical subjects will ask for S6 attendance during study leave.
- 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.
- S5s must attend your normal classes on days you do not have assessments where you will have a supervised study period or classwork. Please ensure you bring revision materials on these days.
- On **Monday 29th January** you will return to your normal timetable.

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

On the day of your assessment

- Double check you know where to go and what time. If there are last minute changes they will be up on the board outside the school office.
- 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. If you have an afternoon exam study in your usual classes.
- 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	Exam name & paper	level	Start	Room
Friday	Maths AH Paper 1 non calc	AH	08:45:00	assembly hall & dance
12/01/2024	Maths AH Paper 2 Calc	AH	10:30:00	assembly hall & dance
	Maths Higher Paper 1 non-calc	Higher	08:45:00	sports hall
	Maths Higher Paper 2 Calc	Higher	11:00:00	sports hall
	Applications of Maths	Higher	08:45:00	x2.20
	Applications of Maths N5 Paper 1 Non-Calc	N5	08:45:00	dts
	Applications of Maths N5 Paper 2 Calc	N5	10:30:00	dts
	Maths N5 Paper 1 Non-calc	N5	08:45:00	3.04 and 3.06
	Maths N5 Paper 2 Calc	N5	10:30:00	3.04 and 3.06
Monday	15/01/2024			
	Biology	AH	08:45:00	dts
	Biology Higher Paper 1	Higher	08:45:00	sports hall
	Biology Higher Paper 2	Higher	10:30:00	sports hall
	Human Biology Paper 1	higher	08:45:00	sports hall
	Human Biology Paper 2	higher	10:30:00	sports hall
	Art and Design	Higher	13:30:00	sports hall
	PE	Higher	13:30:00	dts
	French Paper 2 listening, discursive writing	AH	13:30:00	Dance studio
Tuesday	16/01/2024			
	English AH Paper 1	AH	08:45:00	dts
	English AH Paper 2	AH	11:30:00	dts
	English Higher Paper 1	Higher	08:45:00	sports hall
	English Higher Paper 2	Higher	11:30:00	sports hall
	Practical Woodwork	N5	14:00:00	sports hall
Wednesday	17/01/2024			
	RMPS	AH	08:45:00	sports hall
	RMPS H Paper 1	Higher	08:45:00	sports hall
-	RMPS H Paper 2	Higher	11:45:00	sports hall
	German paper 2 listening & discursive	AH	08:45:00	dts
	Computing Science	AH	13:30:00	sports hall
	Computing Science	Higher	13:30:00	sports hall
	Media Studies	Higher	13:30:00	sports hall

Thursday	18/01/2024			
	Modern Studies	AH	08:45:00	sports hall
	Modern Studies H Paper 1	Higher	08:45:00	sports hall
	Modern Studies H Paper 2	Higher	11:00:00	sports hall
	Statistics AH Paper 1	AH	08:45:00	dts
	Statistics AH Paper 2	AH	11:15:00	dts
	Modern Studies	N5	08:45:00	
	Business Management	AH	13:00:00	assembly hall
	Business Management	Higher	13:30:00	sports hall
	Business Management	N5	13:00:00	assembly hall
	Engineering Science	Higher	13:00:00	dance studio
Friday	Friday 19 th January			
19/01/2024	Economics	Higher	08:45:00	sports hall
	Economics	N5	08:45:00	sports hall
	Graphic Comm	Higher	08:45:00	sports hall
	Graphic Comm	AH	08:45:00	sports hall
	Health & Food Tech Higher	Higher	08:45:00	sports hall
	Mandarin Paper 1 reading & translation	AH	13:30:00	dts
	German Reading and Translation Paper 1	AH	13:30:00	dts
Monday	22/01/2024			
	Chemistry	AH	08:45:00	dts
	Chemistry Higher Paper 1	Higher	08:45:00	sports hall
	Chemistry Higher Paper 2	Higher	10:30:00	sports hall
	Photography	Higher	08:45:00	sports hall
	Spanish Higher Paper 2 Listening	Higher	14:00:00	dts
	French Higher Paper 2 listening	Higher	14:45:00	sports hall
	German Higher Paper 2 listening	Higher	15:30:00	dts
Tuesday	23/01/2024			
	Geography	AH	08:45:00	dts
	Geography	Higher	08:45:00	sports hall
	Philosophy Paper 1	Higher	08:45:00	dance studio
	Philosophy Paper 2	Higher	12:00:00	dance studio
	Design & Manufacture	Higher	13:30:00	sports hall
	Spanish AH Paper 2 Listening & discursive	AH	13:30:00	dts
Wednesday	24/01/2024			
	History Higher Paper 1	Higher	08:45:00	sports hall
	History Higher Paper 2	Higher	11:00:00	sports hall
	German Paper 1 Reading and Writing	Higher	08:45:00	sports hall
	Mathematics of Mechanics	AH	08:45:00	sports hall
	Mandarin Paper 2 listening & discursive	AH	08:45:00	dts
	Spanish Paper 1 Read & Translation	AH	13:30:00	sports hall
	Spanish Higher Paper 1 Read & Writing	Higher	13:30:00	sports hall
	Drama	Higher	13:30:00	sports hall

Thursday	25/01/2024			
	Physics Advanced Higher	AH	08:45:00	dts
	Physics Higher Paper 1	Higher	08:45:00	sports hall
	Physics Higher Paper 2	Higher	10:30:00	sports hall
	English N5 Paper 1	N5	08:45:00	sports hall
	English N5 Paper 2	N5	10:30:00	sports hall
	Admin & IT	Higher	13:30:00	x2.19
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	French Paper 1 Reading and writing	Higher	13:30:00	dts
	French Paper 1 Reading and translation	AH	13:30:00	dts
Friday	26/01/2024			
	Music	Higher	08:45:00	dts
	Music	AH	10:30:00	dts
Thursday	01/02/2024			(check with Art dept)
	Art practical	Higher		G.04 & G.05