

S4 Prelims 2024 November: Information for Pupils



Dear S4 students

Here are the main pieces of information that you need to help you with your prelims. You have practiced exams and assessments in S3, 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 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

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. Rooms and changes will be posted on the display board at the entrance to school. 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 for short = rooms 3.03 and 3.19)
 - Dance studio (on ground floor of extension- access through first floor link)

Attendance

- From **Friday 1st November** you will follow a different schedule of prelim assessments.
- There is no study leave. Go to your normal classes when you're not doing an assessment.
- 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.

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	N5 Prelim	Start
Thursday, October 31, 2024	Spanish Paper 2 Listening	11:00:00 AM
Friday, November 1, 2024	Mathematics Paper 1 (non-calc)	8:45:00 AM
	Mathematics Paper 2 (calculator)	11:00:00 AM
Monday, November 4, 2024	English Paper 1	8:45:00 AM
	English Paper 2	11:00:00 AM
	French Paper 2 (Listening)	1:30:00 PM
	German Paper 2 (Listening)	2:30:00 PM
	Mandarin Listening	1:30:00 PM
Tuesday, November 5, 2024	French Paper 1 (reading and writing)	8:45:00 AM
	German Paper 1 (reading and writing)	8:45:00 AM
	Mandarin Paper 1 (reading and writing)	8:45:00 AM
	Engineering Science	1:30:00 PM
	Music	1:30:00 PM
	Practical Cookery Paper 1 2	1:30:00 PM
Wednesday, November 6, 2024	Biology	8:45:00 AM
	History	1:30:00 PM
Thursday, November 7, 2024	Modern Studies	8:45:00 AM
	PE performance	1:30:00 PM
Friday, November 8, 2024	Chemistry	8:45:00 AM
	Geography	1:30:00 PM
Monday, November 11, 2024	RMPS	8:45:00 AM
	Graphic Communication	1:30:00 PM
	Spanish Paper 1 (reading and writing)	1:30:00 PM
Tuesday, November 12, 2024	Physics	8:45:00 AM
	Art & Design	1:30:00 PM
	PE performance	1:30:00 PM
Wednesday, November 13, 2024	Design & Manufacture	8:45:00 AM
	Media	8:45:00 AM
	Economics	1:30:00 PM
Thursday, November 14, 2024	Computing Science	8:45:00 AM
	Drama	1:30:00 PM
	PE performance in pm	PM
Friday, November 15, 2024	Business Management	8:45:00 AM
	Practical Woodwork	11:45:00 AM
Monday, 18/11/2024	Art& Design	

week of 18th to 22nd	Music (practical performances 2 instruments)	
Teachers will update you	PE (Performance Assessment) Dance/Gymnastics	1.5 hours time tbc