

S5 & S6 Prelims 2025 January: Information for Pupils



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, Mr Arricibita and Ms Hall for additional arrangements, the school office, the exam invigilators, and support for learning staff are all here to make things easier for you.
- All the information you need to know about qualifications is here [Your coursework - SQA](#)

Well done for all your hard work so far!

Mr Hayes and Ms Paterson

What to do now

1. **Check / highlight the assessments 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). These rooms can change so always double check on your timetable and on the day.
4. Most assessments are in the:
 - Sports 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 10th January** you will follow a different schedule of prelim assessments.
- S6s have study leave from 10th 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 27th 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	room	Start	Finish
10 January 2025	Maths AH Paper 1 non calc	AH	dts & dance	08:45:00	09:30:00
	Maths AH Paper 2 Calc	AH	dts & dance	10:30:00	12:00:00
	Maths Higher Paper 1 non-calc	Higher	sports hall	08:45:00	10:00:00
	Maths Higher Paper 2 Calc	Higher	sports hall	11:00:00	12:30:00
	Applications of Maths	Higher	computer	08:45:00	10:45:00
	Maths N5 Paper 1 Non-calc	N5	3.04 & 3.08	08:45:00	09:45:00
	Maths N5 Paper 2 Calc	N5	3.04 & 3.08	10:30:00	12:00:00
13 January 2025	Biology	AH	dts	08:45:00	11:15:00
	Biology Higher Paper 1	Higher	sports hall	08:45:00	09:25:00
	Biology Higher Paper 2	Higher	sports hall	10:30:00	12:30:00
	Human Biology Paper 1	higher	sports hall	08:45:00	09:20:00
	Human Biology Paper 2	higher	sports hall	10:30:00	12:30:00
	English N5 Paper 1	N5	sports hall	08:45:00	09:45:00
	English N5 Paper 2	N5	sports hall	10:30:00	12:00:00
	French Higher Paper 2 listening	Higher	sports hall	14:00:00	14:30:00
	German Higher Paper 2 listening	Higher	sports hall	15:00:00	15:30:00
14 January 2025	English AH Paper 1	AH	dts	08:45:00	10:15:00
	English AH Paper 2	AH	dts	11:30:00	13:00:00
	English Higher Paper 1	Higher	sports hall	08:45:00	10:15:00
	English Higher Paper 2	Higher	sports hall	11:30:00	13:00:00
14 January 2025	Music	Higher	sports hall	14:30:00	15:00:00
	Music	AH	dance studio	14:30:00	15:15:00
	Spanish Higher Paper 2 Listening	Higher	dts	14:30:00	14:30:00
15 January 2025	RMPS	AH	sports hall	08:45:00	11:45:00
	RMPS H Paper 1	Higher	dts	08:45:00	11:00:00
-	RMPS H Paper 2	Higher	dts	11:30:00	12:15:00
	Computing Science	AH	sports hall	08:45:00	10:45:00
	Computing Science	Higher	sports hall	08:45:00	10:30:00
	Computing Science	N5	sports hall	09:45:00	11:15:00

	Practical Cookery Paper 1 Question Paper	N5	sports hall	14:00:00	15:00:00
	Media Paper 2	Higher	sports hall	14:00:00	15:00:00

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	Modern Studies	AH	dts	08:45:00	10:45:00
	Modern Studies H Paper 1	Higher	sports hall	08:45:00	09:55:00
	Modern Studies H Paper 2	Higher	sports hall	11:00:00	12:15:00
	Modern Studies	N5	dts	08:45:00	10:40:00
	Mandarin Paper 1 reading & translation	AH	dance	08:45:00	10:15:00
	Economics	Higher	sports hall	13:30:00	15:30:00
	Photography	Higher	dts	13:30:00	14:30:00
17 January 2025	Business Management	AH	sports hall	08:45:00	11:30:00
	Business Management	Higher	sports hall	08:45:00	10:45:00
	Business Management	N5	sports hall	08:45:00	10:15:00
	Engineering Science	Higher	sports hall	08:45:00	11:15:00
	Engineering Science	N5	sports hall	08:45:00	10:35:00
	Statistics AH Paper 1	AH	dts	08:45:00	09:45:00
	Statistics AH Paper 2	AH	dts	11:15:00	13:15:00
	Spanish Higher Paper 1 Read & Writing	Higher	sports hall	13:30:00	15:30:00
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20 January 2025	Chemistry	AH	dts	08:45:00	11:45:00
	Chemistry Higher Paper 1	Higher	sports hall	08:45:00	09:25:00
	Chemistry Higher Paper 2	Higher	sports hall	10:30:00	12:50:00
	Graphic Comm	Higher	dance	08:45:00	10:45:00
	Graphic Comm	N5	dance	08:45:00	10:15:00
	Art and Design	Higher	sports hall	14:30:00	15:50:00
	PE	Higher	dts and 2.15	14:00:00	16:00:00
21 January 2025	Geography	AH	dts	08:45:00	11:15:00
	Geography - Paper 1	Higher	sports hall	08:45:00	10:00:00
	Geography Paper 2	Higher	sports hall	10:45:00	11:45:00
	French Paper 1 Reading and Writing	Higher	dts	13:30:00	15:30:00
	Media Paper 1	Higher	sports hall	13:30:00	15:15:00
22 January 2025	History	AH	dance studio	08:45:00	10:45:00
	History Higher Paper 1	Higher	dts	08:45:00	10:15:00
	History Higher Paper 2	Higher	dts	11:00:00	12:30:00
	Applications of Maths N5 Paper 1 Non-Calc	N5	sports hall	08:45:00	09:35:00
	Applications of Maths N5 Paper 2 Calc	N5	sports hall	10:30:00	12:10:00
	German Paper 1 Reading and Writing	Higher	sports hall	13:30:00	15:30:00
	Mathematics of Mechanics	AH	sports hall	13:30:00	15:30:00

	Mandarin Paper 2 listening & discursive	AH	dts	13:30:00	15:15:00
23 January 2025	Physics Advanced Higher	AH	dts	08:45:00	10:55:00
	Physics Higher Paper 1	Higher	sports hall	08:45:00	09:30:00
	Physics Higher Paper 2	Higher	sports hall	10:30:00	12:30:00
	Health & Food Tech	Higher	dance	08:45:00	10:45:00
	Health & Food Tech	N5	dance	08:45:00	10:35:00
	Drama	Higher	sports hall	13:30:00	16:00:00
	Hospitality	N5	sports hall	13:30:00	#REF!
24 January 2025	Philosophy Paper 1	Higher		08:45:00	11:00:00
	Philosophy Paper 2	Higher		12:00:00	13:45:00
	Design & Manufacture	Adv Higher		08:45:00	11:00:00
	Design & Manufacture	Higher		08:45:00	11:00:00
	Design & Manufacture	N5		08:45:00	10:30:00
30th January 2025	Art practical	Higher	rooms tbc	Full Day	
Week of 27th	Music practical	AH	rooms tbc		
	PE performance assessment	H	See dept		
Thursday 30th January	Practical Cookery Paper 2 Assignment	N5	in class rooms tbc		