



Thursday 30th January 2023

S5/6 Prelims – January 2024

Good afternoon,

Our S5/6 prelim diet begins on **Monday 8th January 2024**. I have attached a finalised copy of the timetable over the page. The purpose of the prelim diet is to provide an idea of progress being made by young people in their National Qualification courses. Staff will provide detailed feedback to young people in order to support improvements as we head towards the final SQA exams in Spring.

All young people who have additional support arrangements in place will receive a personalised timetable with the specific details, timings and venue of their exam and arrangements. This will be issued prior to the Christmas holidays. All other young people will receive a personalised exam timetable prior to the Christmas holidays, outlining exam timings and venue. Young people will also be given a seat number for each exam, similar to the final exam diet. This is also published each day outside the Assembly Hall. This is used to capture pupil attendance. It is important that your young person is aware of all details relating to each exam they are sitting.

The following exams will not feature on individualised timetables, but are going ahead as part of our prelim diet. Details are contained within the timetable over the page.

- Higher Sociology
- Higher Admin & IT **Assignment**

Where there is a clash in prelims, this will be communicated separately with specific young people, where alternative arrangements will be made for one of the prelim exams impacted. This is currently being worked on and any young person affected will be spoken to prior to the Christmas break.

Any S5/6 young person not involved in a prelim exam should be in their timetabled class accessing learning. Young people who have finished an exam should return to class as soon as their prelim has ended. A small number of prelims impact on lunch timings, these are detailed below:

- Sociology (National 5)
- Graphic Communication (National 5/Higher)
- Business Management (National 5)
- Admin & IT (National 5)
- Engineering Science (Higher)
- Human Biology (Higher)
- Drama (Higher)
- Art & Design (N5/Higher)
- Psychology (Higher)

Young people who are sitting the above prelims will be given time to have lunch from 12:30 on that day. I would advise that, for those sitting these prelims, they plan in advance regarding lunch. A limited selection of lunch options will be available in the school dining hall on these days as an early service.

Young people are not permitted to bring anything into the exam hall. Exam specific equipment will be permitted at desks (pens, calculators etc), and only water is allowed as a drink. All mobile phones etc should be switched off and left in bags at the back of the assembly hall.

Prelims are a crucial part of our evidence gathering on young people and it is important that your young person attends all prelim exams. Any young person who misses a prelim will be scheduled by faculties for catch-up. Please ensure that your young person is well prepared in advance of each prelim to ensure that they can perform to their maximum capacity. Please also encourage your young person to make the most of the time allocated within their exam.

Following our prelim diet, we will share a certificate with you outlining your young person's performance across all prelims. This will aid support post prelim on the lead up to final exams.



S5/6 Prelim Exam Diet – January 2024

DATE	SUBJECT/LEVEL	TIME
Monday 8 th January	English - RUAE (Higher)	0900-1030
	English – Critical Reading (Higher)	1100-1230
	English – Literary Study (Advanced Higher)	0900-1030
Tuesday 9 th January	English – Textual Analysis (Advanced Higher)	1100-1230
	Physical Education (Higher)	1350-1520
	Childcare & Development (Higher)	1350-1520
Wednesday 10 th January	Application of Maths – Calculator (Higher)	0900-1105
	Application of Maths - Calculator (National 5)	0900-1040
	Application of Maths – Non-Calculator (National 5)	1110-1200
	Sociology (National 5) **	1300-1430
Thursday 11 th January	Graphic Communication (Higher)**	1300-1500
	Graphic Communication (National 5)**	1300-1430
	Physics (Advanced Higher)	0900-1130
	Physics (Higher) – Paper 1	0900-0940
Friday 12 th January	Physics (Higher) – Paper 2	1015-1135
	Physics (National 5) – Paper 1	0900-1100
	Business Management (National 5)**	1300 - 1500
	English - RUAE (National 5)	0900-1000
Monday 15 th January	English – Critical Reading (National 5)	1045-1215
	Photography (Higher)	1400-1500
	Design & Manufacture (National 5)	1330-1515
Tuesday 16 th January	Business Management (Higher)	0900-1145
	Music (Higher) Listening	1400-1500
	Maths – Non-Calculator (Higher)	0900-1015
Wednesday 17 th January	Maths – Non- Calculator (National 5)	0900-1000
	Maths (Advanced Higher)	0900-1100
	Maths – Calculator (Higher)	1130-1300
	Maths – Calculator (National 5)	1130-1300
	Music (Advanced Higher) Listening	1400-1515
Thursday 18 th January	Admin and IT (National 5) Question Paper**	1300-1500
	Admin & IT (Higher) Assignment	0900-1100
	Admin & IT (Higher) Question Paper	1330-1500
Friday 19 th January	Engineering Science (Higher)	1245-1515
	Biology (Advanced Higher) Paper 1	0900-1100
	Biology (Higher) Paper 1	0900-0940
	Biology (Higher) Paper 2	1030-1250
Monday 22 nd January	Biology (National 5) Paper 1	0900-1130
	Metalwork (National 5)	1400-1500
	Human Biology (Higher) Paper 1	1145-1225
	Human Biology (Higher) Paper 2	1300-1520
Tuesday 23 rd January	Modern Studies (Higher) Paper 1	0900-1045
	Modern Studies (Higher) Paper 2	1115-1230
	Drama (Higher)	1245-1515
Wednesday 24 th January	Chemistry (Advanced Higher)	0900-1130
	Chemistry (Higher) Paper 1	0900-0930
	Chemistry (Higher) Paper 2	1015-1200
	Chemistry (National 5) Paper 1	0900-1045
Thursday 25 th January	Woodwork (National 5)	1400-1500
	History (Higher) Paper 1	0900-1030
	History (Higher) Paper 2	1100-1230
Friday 26 th January	History (National 5)	0900-1120
	Art & Design (Higher)**	1300-1500
	Art & Design (National 5)**	1300-1500
Saturday 27 th January	Geography (Higher) Paper 1	0900-1050
	Geography (Higher) Paper 2 – Double Desks**	1120-1210
	Geography (National 5) – Double Desks**	0900-1120
Sunday 28 th January	Psychology (Higher)**	1300-1500

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