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Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Qualifications Scotland Exams 2026**

I hope that this letter finds you and your family safe and well. I am delighted to be in a position to provide you with information about the start of this year's Qualifications Scotland exam diet, which begins on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April and runs until Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May.

#### **Study Leave**

For those pupils in S4 and S5 who are sitting more than one exam at National 5, Higher or Advanced Higher level, study leave will begin on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April. This means that the last day of classes will be Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April. For those pupils in S6, study leave will begin on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April, with leaver activities taking place on the afternoon of Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April.

For those pupils who are not sitting exams, we have arranged a programme of activities that will run during the end of April and all of May. This programme, entitled Maximise May, includes a mixture of inputs from school staff and external providers, as well as outdoor learning activities and organised excursions. Attendance at this programme is compulsory for pupils who are not sitting exams.

Pupils on study leave should be engaged in independent study at home and should only come into school for their scheduled exams. They must attend in uniform. Each pupil will be given a copy of their individualised timetable and the full exam timetable can be found at the following link:  
[www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/files\\_ccc/ng-2026-exam-timetable.pdf](http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/files_ccc/ng-2026-exam-timetable.pdf)

#### **Easter School**

A programme of Easter School sessions in some subjects has been put together. We would advise our Senior Phase learners to attend as many sessions as possible. You will find the details on a separate attachment.

There are also study support webinars organised by e-Sgoil that young people can access from home. You will find details of these at the following link: <https://www.e-sgoil.com/senior-phase/easter-study-support/>

#### **Study Days**

There will be opportunities during the exam diet for pupils to receive additional support in school. These will be focussed, subject-specific sessions that will be valuable for final exam preparation. A list of the sessions taking place can be found on a separate attachment. We very much value your support to ensure that pupils attend these sessions.

Pupils may also visit their subject teachers during study leave as long as that visit has been agreed in advance. If any pupil does not have a suitable place to study at home, we are more than willing to accommodate pupils in school.



### **Completing Courses**

For those pupils sitting courses at National 3 and National 4 level, it may be that some have not completed the outcomes to achieve a course award. If this applies to your child, appropriate staff may be in touch to arrange times when courses can be completed. We would very much welcome your support to ensure that your child attends if this applies to them.

### **Parental Support**

We understand that this is an anxious time for our learners and that you will be keen to support them as parents and carers. The following link provides a wealth of support materials:

<https://education.gov.scot/parentzone/learning-at-home/supporting-study/>

### **Return to School**

Pupils returning to school for S5 or S6 will take part in induction days in the week beginning Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May. Returning pupils must attend these sessions or they may endanger the subject choices they have made. The same applies to lessons when the new timetable starts on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June. More information will follow in early course about the induction days.

For those pupils who are not returning, on the day of their last exam, a leaver's form should be completed and their iPad should be returned to the school office, as well as any other resources that need to be returned to subject departments.

### **Qualifications Scotland Results**

Results Day this year is Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August. All pupils will receive a certificate through the post. However, to avoid the dreaded wait for the post, we recommend that pupils sign up to receive their results by text message or e-mail. This can be done at: <https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/41324.html>

Finally, it has been a very encouraging year for our learners at Eastbank. They have risen to the challenge and we are very proud of them. We encourage them to make an extra concerted push on the remaining days and weeks before their exams to ensure that they achieve the results of which they are capable. We wish them all the very best of luck!

Yours faithfully,



Jonathan Graham  
**Head Teacher**

