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21<sup>st</sup> Dec 17

**S4 – S6 Prelim Exams**

**22<sup>nd</sup> Jan 18 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb 18**

Dear Parent / Guardian

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec 17, your son/daughter will be issued with our timetable for the second Senior Phase prelim exams which will run from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan 18 to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2018.

Due to changes made by the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) to National 5 courses and exams, there will be more exams in this year's diet with some National 5 exams now being longer in length, further details can be accessed through the web link given below.

A consequence of this is that some learners may face having more than one exam in one day and possibly exams on consecutive days therefore we have issued the timetable prior to the holidays giving learners time to plan and prepare for these exams. The timetable for the SQA exams in May 18 have been on display in school for some time now and learners can access this and other SQA supports through their website, details of which are given below.

We appreciate that prelim time can be an intense period for our learners but as well as being an indicator of learning progress, prelims are invaluable preparation for the final SQA exams in May 18 and these results can potentially count towards any Post Results Service review that we may request in August 18, further details can be accessed through the web link below.

Some learners will have Additional Assessment Arrangements put in place by our Additional Support for Learners faculty and exact details of this support will be discussed with the individual learners early in term 3.

Learners will have study leave for the duration of the exam diet, 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan 18 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb 18 (inclusive) and when attending school for support or for exams, learners are expected to follow normal school behaviour and dress code guidelines.

I thank you in advance for your continued support of your son/daughter regarding their learning within school and should you have any queries or questions related to this letter or the prelim timetable then please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Changes to National 5 Courses and Exam <https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/78398.html>

Post Results Service <https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/65428.html>

SQA Exams 2018 <https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/41266.html>

Regards

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