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Dear Parent / Guardian

**S4 – S6 Assessments**

**Wed 12 Jan 2022 – Friday 28 Jan 2022**

On 03 Dec 2021, I emailed all parents and carers with full details regarding our upcoming assessment window and again contact you to remind all of some of the details of these assessments.

1. Assessment Window 2 for S4 – S6 starts on Wed 12.01.22 and ends on Friday 28.01.22, with assessments taking place during class time. There are a few exceptions to this, and teachers will advise learners accordingly.
2. S4 – S6 learners can study at home during the period of the assessment window from 12.01.22 – 28.01.22 (inclusive) as Learning and Teaching for all S4 – S6 classes will be suspended for that period but learners are welcome to come into school for support.
3. Due to various issues regarding Covid and Library cover, should a learner come into school for support then they are to attend their timetabled class for teacher support or self-study of their choice.  **Study in the library or social area will not be an option**.
4. Assessment Timetable – Due to the complexity of the timetable with subjects scheduling assessments over several sessions, if issued it could potentially be confusing for learners and home, therefore no central timetable will be issued to learners.
5. To ensure learners are fully aware of assessment time, learners can confirm their assessment times with their teachers and staff have been asked to post a reminder of assessments times onto their online classroom.
6. NESCOL – School assessments take priority over NESCOL courses, but learners with NESCOL courses are still to attend them at all other times during the Assessment 2 window. Learners are advised to notify NESCOL tutors of any overlap between school assessments and NESCOL courses.

We appreciate that these assessment windows can be an intense period for our learners as they may have more than one assessment on any given day, but as well as being an indicator of learning progress, these assessments are invaluable preparation for the proposed final SQA exams should they take place.

To further support our learners and to mitigate for the fact that some learners may have more than one assessment on any given day or assessments on consecutive days we have put the following measures in place.

1. **We have moved the assessment window back one week from our normal calendared time, this giving learners a week back in school to check revision, ask questions and get support from staff.**
2. **Assessments will all be contained within class time; therefore, question papers will be shorter in length than full exam papers.**
3. **We will suspend our Learning and Teaching timetable for all S4, S5 and S6 classes to allow learners to focus on these assessments.**
4. **Learners will have the option to study at home during the assessment period or come into school for study and support from their teachers.**

 **Additional Assessment Arrangements**

Some learners will have Additional Assessment Arrangements put in place by our Additional Support for Learners Faculty and exact details of this support can be confirmed with their class teachers.

**Study and Help clubs and other Study Resources**

Faculties advertise their study and support sessions through social media and in school display screens and I would advise learners to check these outlets as well as asking class teachers for information as to when support sessions are scheduled.

Should you wish to discuss any issues contained within this letter then please do not hesitate to contact me or your child’s Guidance Teacher direct here at the Academy and we thank you for your ongoing support of both your child and Fraserburgh Academy

Yours sincerely

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