

Dear S3 Pupil,

Find below the examination timetable that has been prepared for your forthcoming S3 Examinations. These will take place over a period of three weeks.

The S3 Examinations have been a feature of our school calendar for the past six years now, and with the change to the new National courses that you are currently studying for, several Department Heads, Mr Smith (HT) and myself have been thinking carefully about the shape of the S3 exams for you, our first year group to be sitting the new National examinations next session, while still giving you a feeling of what the exam period will be like next session.

Departments have been talking and sharing about the exciting and positive changes that have taken place in the development of the new courses, particularly in line with the assessment and 'evidence gathering' that is taking place.

The S3 exams this session, will allow departments to gain information about your skill development, your depth of learning and your progress at the mid-ways point of your National courses. For over a month now, the Improvement Team have been looking at various options which will reflect the similar type of assessments that you will face at the end of your courses next session and take into account some of the feedback received from last year's S3.

This included avoiding, where possible, anymore than two examinations in one day (in your final exams next session, you would only have maximum two exams in one day) and keeping all of the examinations within the one examination period. which basically means that when your exams are over, they are over.

I know that many of you will be planning and preparing for your exams and thinking about what will come up during in each part of the examinations. Most subjects have two parts (two 'tests') which will require you to demonstrate different skills different levels of knowledge application and allow you to demonstrate your understanding of the units that you have covered so far. In many examinations you will be applying your skills, knowledge and understanding in unfamiliar contexts.

You will notice that we couldn't manage to avoid the 'three exams in one day' on a couple of occasions, but once you have managed to make up your own exam timetable, the way that you can on ' **MY SQA** ' next session, you will get a better idea of when you might have a heavier day.

The last key point that requires to be made is the effort taken by myself and Miss McLachlan to ensure that: the pupils who are sitting their SQA exams this session have the support that they are entitled to; the move towards digital papers' are accommodated for SQA exams and S3 exams; and that S3 pupils have the appropriate support during S3 exams.

Last thing from me: 'Prepare well, practice lots, don't leave studying to the night before, and ask for as much advice and support from the teaching staff, before you get to the S3 exam period.



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S3 Examinations 2014

Day/Period	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	A	G	H	SP	C	D	B
	No SQA Exams						
	B15				B15		
Thursday 24th April 2014	English Paper 1				Social Subjects Paper 1/ French Paper 1/ Personal Develop.		
	F	B	A	PS	SP	E	
	No SQA Exams						
Friday 25th April 2014	Biol N5 Paper 1/ Computing/ Graphic Communication/ Business Man.					Biol N5/ Chem N5/ Phys N5 Paper 1/ Biology N4 Pt 1/ Physics N4 Pt 1	

Monday 28th April 2014	B	D	C	A	PS	H	G	
	No SQA Exams							
		B15				B15	Spanish 1	
	Social Subjects Paper 1/ French Paper 1				Biol N5/ Chem N5/ Phys N5 Paper 1/ Drama Written/ Chemistry N4 Pt 1/ Spanish 1			
Tuesday 29th April 2014	SP	E	A	G	C	B	F	
	Modern Studies SQA				No SQA Exams			
					B15			
		Biol N5/ Chem N5/ Phys N5 Paper 2			Social Subjects Paper 2/ French Paper 2			
Wednesday 30th April 2014	PS	H	E	D	F	B		
	English Int 1 SQA				English Int 2 SQA			
		Computing Rm Req.						
	S3 Music Practical Exams							
		Admin Practical/ Chemistry N4 Pt 2/ Spanish Paper 2/ Biology N5 Paper 2						
Thursday 1st May 2014	A	G	H	SP	C	D	B	
	English Higher SQA				English AH SQA			
		B15				B15		
		Art Written/ Chem N5 Paper 1/ Spanish 2				Social Subjects Paper 2/ French Paper 2		
Friday 2nd May 2014	F	B	A	PS	SP	E		
	No SQA Exams							
						B15		
	Biol N5 Paper 2					Business Management/ Biology N4 Pt 2/ Physics Pt 2		

Monday 5th May 2014	Bank Holiday						
Tuesday 6th May 2014	SP	E	A	G	C	B	F
	Mathematics Int 1 & 2 SQA				Mathematics H & AH SQA		
				Spanish Paper 3/ Chem N5 Paper 2/ Drama Written/ Music Written		Mathematics Non-Calculator Paper	
Wednesday 7th May 2014	PS	H	E	D	F	B	
	History Int 1 & 2 SQA				History H & AH SQA		
		Spanish Paper 3/ Art Written		French Paper 3			
Thursday 8th May 2014	A	G	H	SP	C	D	B
	No SQA Exams				Graphic Communication Int 1&2, H, AH SQA		
	B15						
	English Paper 2		Chem N5/ Phys N5 Paper 2		French 3 / Personal Development Award		
Friday 9th May 2014	F	B	A	PS	SP	E	
	Administration Int 1&2, H, AH SQA						
		Mathematics Calculator Paper					

Monday 12th May 2014	Chemistry Int 1 & 2	Chemistry H & AH	
	Hospitality Practical Exams Group One		
	Art and Design Practical Exams		
Tuesday 13th May 2014	Music Int 1 & 2	Music H & AH	
	Hospitality Practical Exams Group Two		
	Physical Education Practical Exams		
Wednesday 14th May 2014	French Int 1 & 2	French H & AH	
	Hospitality Practical Exams Group Three		
	Drama Practical Exams		



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My S3 Exam Timetable - April/May 2014

Day/Period	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	A	G	H	SP	C	D	B
Thursday 24th April 2014	No SQA Exams						
	English Paper 1						
	F	B	A	PS	SP	E	
Friday 25th April 2014	No SQA Exams						
	B	D	C	A	PS	H	G
Monday 28th April 2014	No SQA Exams						
	SP	E	A	G	C	B	F
Tuesday 29th April 2014	Modern Studies SQA				No SQA Exams		
	PS	H	E	D	F	B	
Wednesday 30th April 2014	English Int 1 SQA				English Int 2 SQA		
	A	G	H	SP	C	D	B
Thursday 1st May 2014	English Higher SQA				English AH SQA		
	F	B	A	PS	SP	E	
Friday 2nd May 2014	No SQA Exams						

Monday 5th May 2014	Bank Holiday					
Tuesday 6th May 2014	SP	E	A	G	C	B
	Mathematics Int 1 & 2 SQA				Mathematics H & AH SQA	
						Mathematics Non-Calculator Paper
Wednesday 7th May 2014	PS	H	E	D	F	B
	History Int 1 & 2 SQA				History H & AH SQA	
Thursday 8th May 2014	A	G	H	SP	C	D
	No SQA Exams				Graphic Communication Int 1&2, H, AH SQA	
	English Paper 2					
Friday 9th May 2014	F	B	A	PS	SP	E
	Administration Int 1&2, H, AH SQA					
		Mathematics Calculator Paper				
Monday 12th May 2014	Chemistry Int 1 & 2				Chemistry H & AH	
Tuesday 13th May 2014	Music Int 1 & 2				Music H & AH	
Wednesday 14th May 2014	French Int 1 & 2				French H & AH	