MEARNS CASTLE HIGH SCHOOL

S3 CURRICULUM EVENING

TUESDAY 30th AUGUST 2022

WELCOME

Mr S. Clark
Head Teacher

ERC Gradient of Learning – Recent Years

Subject	Nat 5 Result	Higher Result				
English		**A**	**B**	**C**	**D**	**Fail**
	A1	81%	17%	2%	0%	0%
	A2	42%	36%	16%	3%	3%
	B3	10%	30%	36%	13%	11%
	B4	3%	21%	44%	18%	14%
	C5	0%	7%	26%	21%	46%
	C6	3%	0%	21%	29%	47%

Mrs J. Mitchell – Deputy Head Teacher

Overview of the Evening

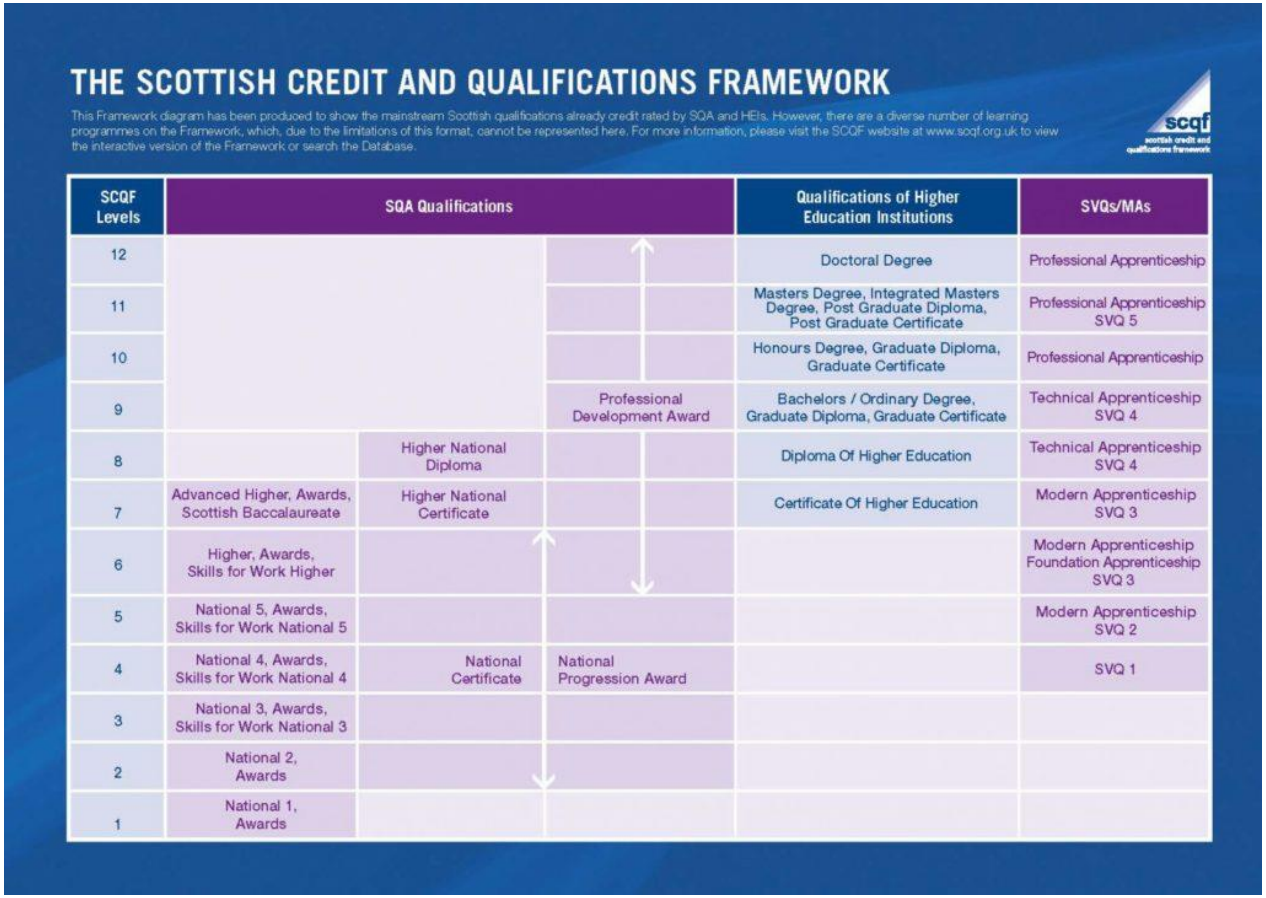
- SCQF (Scottish Credit and Qualification Framework)
- Assessment
- Subject specific Information
- Advice for parents and carers – home learning, study environment and useful websites
- Looking after ourselves - wellbeing

The S3 (and 4) Experience

- What were your first impressions when you started you new courses in S3?
- Did teachers regularly highlight the assessment requirements for the courses?
- Was there an increase in home learning and preparation for assessments?
- How did you manage the pressures as the courses progressed?

SCQF Framework

Scottish Credit and Qualification Framework



THE SCOTTISH CREDIT AND QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK

This Framework diagram has been produced to show the mainstream Scottish qualifications already credit rated by SQA and HEIs. However, there are a diverse number of learning programmes on the Framework, which, due to the limitations of this format, cannot be represented here. For more information, please visit the SCQF website at www.scqf.org.uk to view the interactive version of the Framework or search the Database.

scqf
scottish credit and qualifications framework

SCQF Levels	SQA Qualifications			Qualifications of Higher Education Institutions	SVQs/MAs
12				Doctoral Degree	Professional Apprenticeship
11				Masters Degree, Integrated Masters Degree, Post Graduate Diploma, Post Graduate Certificate	Professional Apprenticeship SVQ 5
10				Honours Degree, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate	Professional Apprenticeship
9			Professional Development Award	Bachelors / Ordinary Degree, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate	Technical Apprenticeship SVQ 4
8		Higher National Diploma		Diploma Of Higher Education	Technical Apprenticeship SVQ 4
7	Advanced Higher, Awards, Scottish Baccalaureate	Higher National Certificate		Certificate Of Higher Education	Modern Apprenticeship SVQ 3
6	Higher, Awards, Skills for Work Higher				Modern Apprenticeship Foundation Apprenticeship SVQ 3
5	National 5, Awards, Skills for Work National 5				Modern Apprenticeship SVQ 2
4	National 4, Awards, Skills for Work National 4	National Certificate	National Progression Award		SVQ 1
3	National 3, Awards, Skills for Work National 3				
2	National 2, Awards				
1	National 1, Awards				

Assessment

Nat 4 Assessment

- Assess the application of learning across the course
  - Pass or fail. NO FINAL EXAMINATION.
  - Ensure required skills, knowledge and understanding have been achieved
  - Unit Assessments are set by the SQA
  - Carried out and marked by class teacher and internally moderated by department/faculty.
  - All internal moderation could be subject to external verification by the SQA.

Nat 5 Assessment

- Most course assessments currently are based on performance in a final exam which are marked by the SQA.
- Some courses also have practical assessments or internal coursework.
- Graded A-C, D or fail.

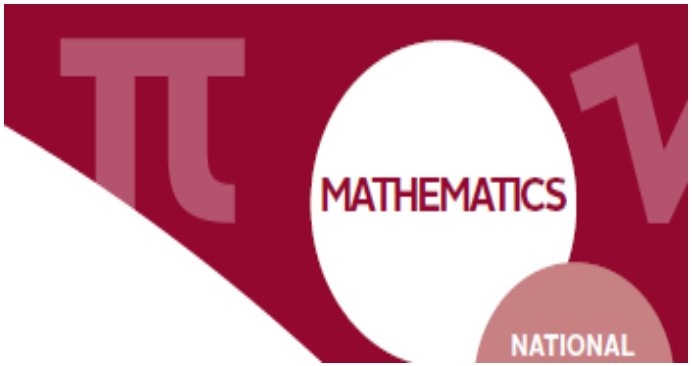
Presentation Levels?

- Consistently around 93%+ of our S4 presentations are at N5.
- Final decisions about presentation levels will, in the main, take place after the prelims – ambitious but realistic
- N4 may be a better route for some young people allowing them to have success in S4 and then build on that during S5 & S6 when a small number of N5 courses will be available in school and some will also have opportunities to choose vocational courses that are organised in partnership with local colleges.

Assessment

Subject Examples

- Assessment consists of a final examination and also portfolio work.
- A two paper final examination: Paper 1 - Critical Reading; Paper 2 – Reading for Understanding
- All assessed externally.



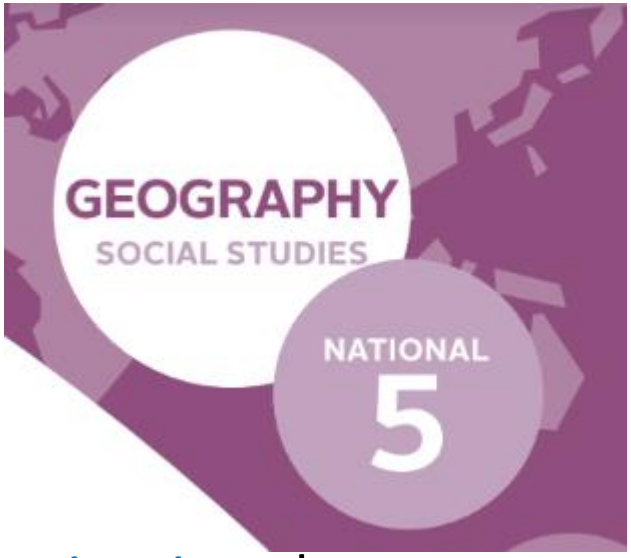
- School Assessment (or ‘evidence of learning’) is gathered through class work and assessments in September and the December Prelim
- The Course Assessment consists of two Question Papers (final exam in May of S4, marked by the SQA)

- School assessment will show competence in each of the two areas of expressive art and design and may include sketch books, extended writing, notes, group discussions, reviews, critiques
- The Course Assessment consists of two portfolios (showing investigation development and evaluation leading to one final piece of expressive art work and one final design solution) and the two section final written exam. These will be marked by the SQA.

- The course assessment based on the final exam.
- The exam will feature a short multiple choice paper and extended questions
- This is also representative of the other Sciences

Modern Languages

- The Course Assessment will be a Final Exam in listening, reading and writing and a talking assessment.
- The talking assessment is internally marked
- The Course Assessment will be marked by the SQA.
- This is also representative of the other Modern Languages



The course assessment consists of a final examination that assesses knowledge and understanding across learning and applying skills in context.

This is also representative of the other Social Science Subjects

- The Course Assessment consists of a Performance Exam and a Listening Question Paper
- Pupils perform a programme of music on two chosen instruments or instrument and voice.
- All elements are externally marked by the SQA

The Year Ahead - Key dates

- **S3**
  - Tracking Report – 8th December 2022
  - Parents meeting – 28th February 2023
  - S3 Exams – 20th March – 31 March 2023
  - Practical Assessment week – 17th – 21st April
  - Full report – 18th May 2023

Physical Education

- The Course Assessment consists of Performance Assessment and a written Portfolio:
- Each candidate will perform in one activity of their choice. School staff will carry out the assessment but are subject to external moderation from SQA.
- The portfolio is worth 60 marks and is completed in school and marked externally by SQA
- No final exam

Useful Websites

- **Education Scotland**
  - https://education.gov.scot/parentzone
- **SQA (parents and carers section)**
  - https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/41312.html
- **The National Parent Forum of Scotland**
  - https://www.npfs.org.uk/

Bitesize

Home

National 5

National 5 is a qualification taken by students in Scotland, generally during their secondary senior phase of education.

Art and Design

Biology

Business management

Chemistry

Computing Science

Dance

Design and manufacture

Drama

Engineering science

English

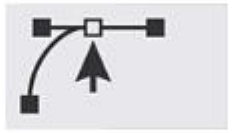
Fashion and textile technology

French

Gaelic (Learners)

Geography

German


Graphic communication

Health and food technology

History

Hospitality

Application of Maths

Maths

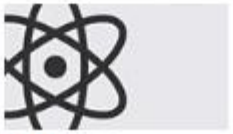
Modern Languages

Modern Studies

Music

Music Technology

Physical Education


Physics

Religious, moral and philosophical studies

Spanish

Technologies

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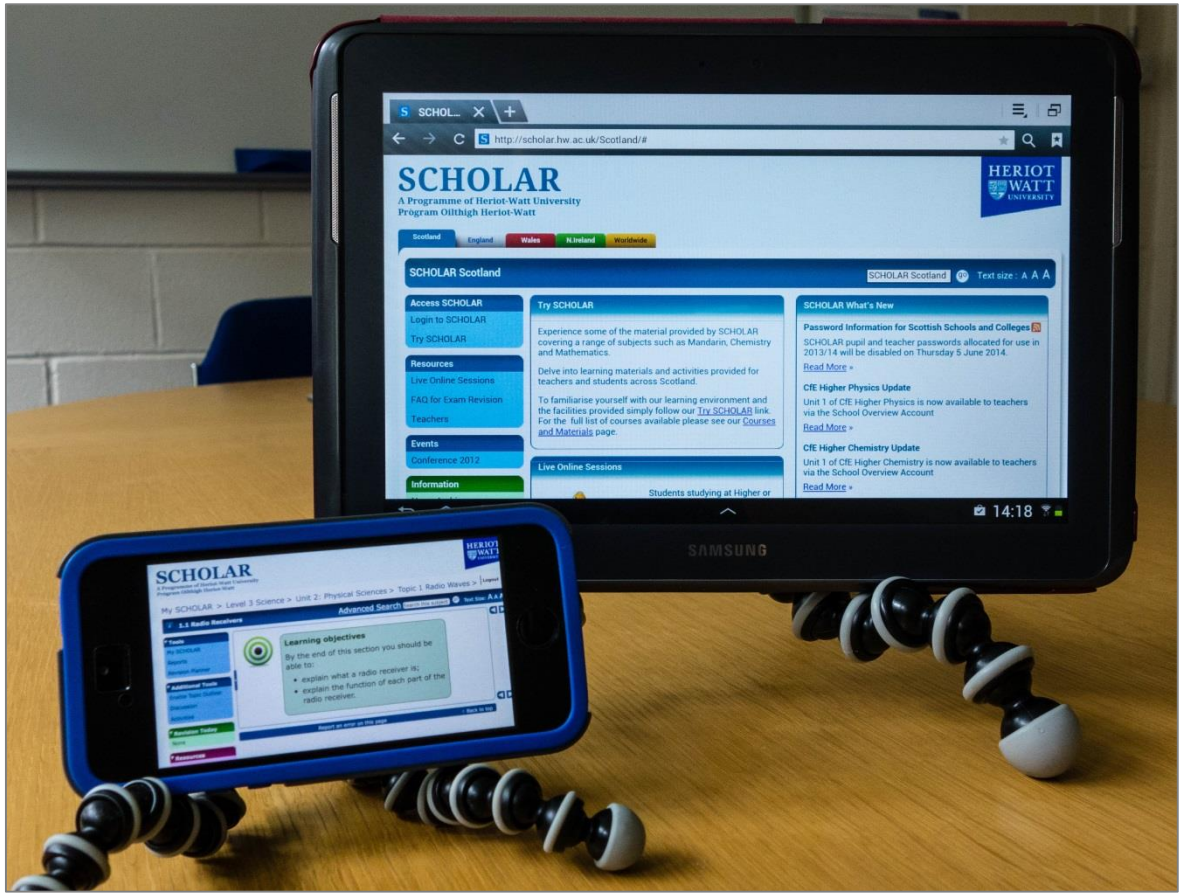
2	Instant feedback on exam tests and quizzes
3	Study and revise anytime...anywhere
4	Monitor progress using the Reporting System
5	Rich, visual and interactive content for over 30 courses



COURSES AVAILABLE

Science and Mathematics			
	N5	H	AH
Biology	✔	✔	✔
Chemistry	✔	✔	✔
Computing Science	✔	✔	✔
Human Biology	**	✔	**
Mathematics	✔	✔	✔
Physics	✔	✔	✔

COURSES AVAILABLE

Languages			
	N5	H	AH
English	✔	✔	✔
ESOL	✔	✔	**
French	*	✔	✔
Gaelic	*	✔	
German	*	✔	✔
Mandarin	✔		
Spanish	*	✔	✔

Additional Support for Learning

- Information about Assessment Arrangements
  - Young people with additional support needs may be eligible for tailored assessment arrangements such as extra time, use of a computer, digital question papers/tests/reader and scribe

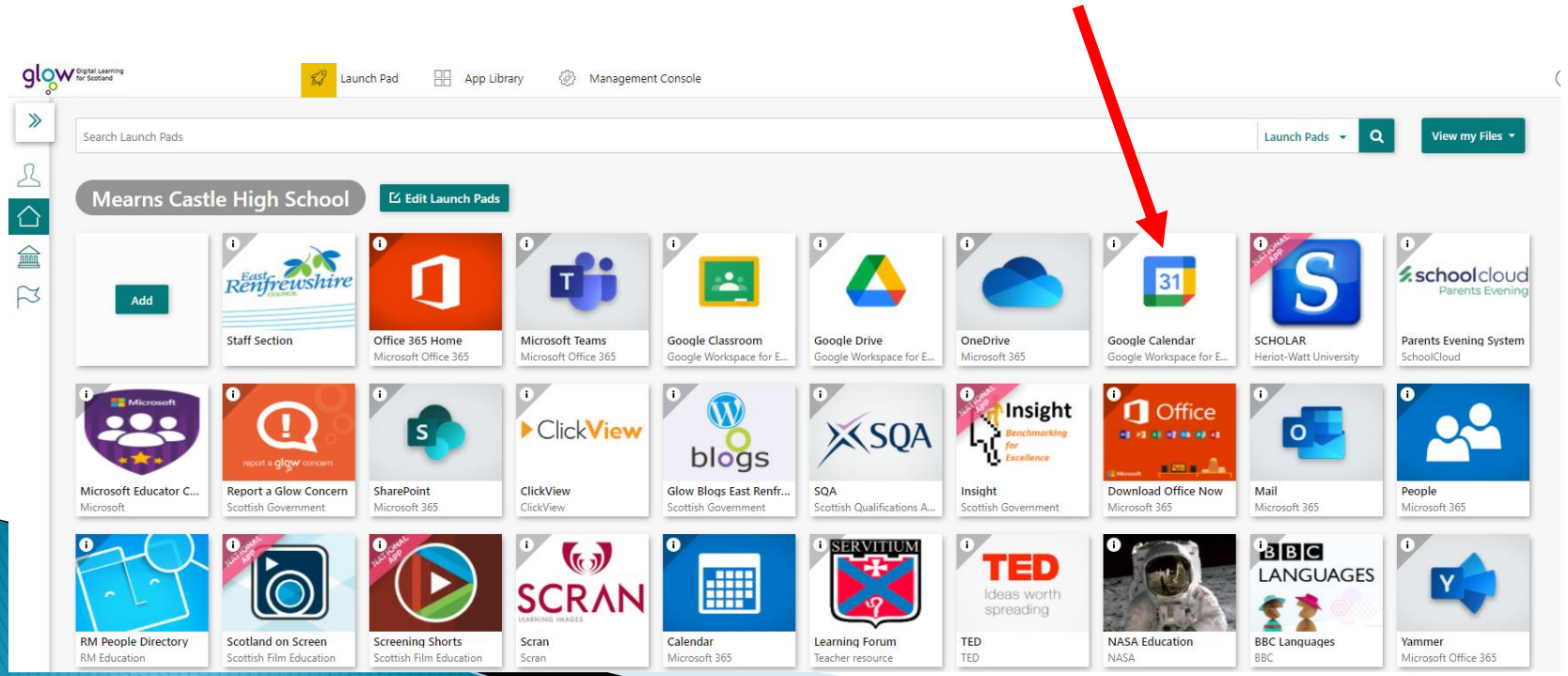
Home Learning

Recording Homework

- Last year we sought views through the Pupil Council and whole year group surveys, to find out how pupils recorded/logged any homework that was due. We also spoke to parents and staff and it was clear that logbooks were not widely used.
- So we have decided to use an alternative approach which will allow pupils and parents to see homework clearer, while also reducing the environmental footprint to produce the logbooks.

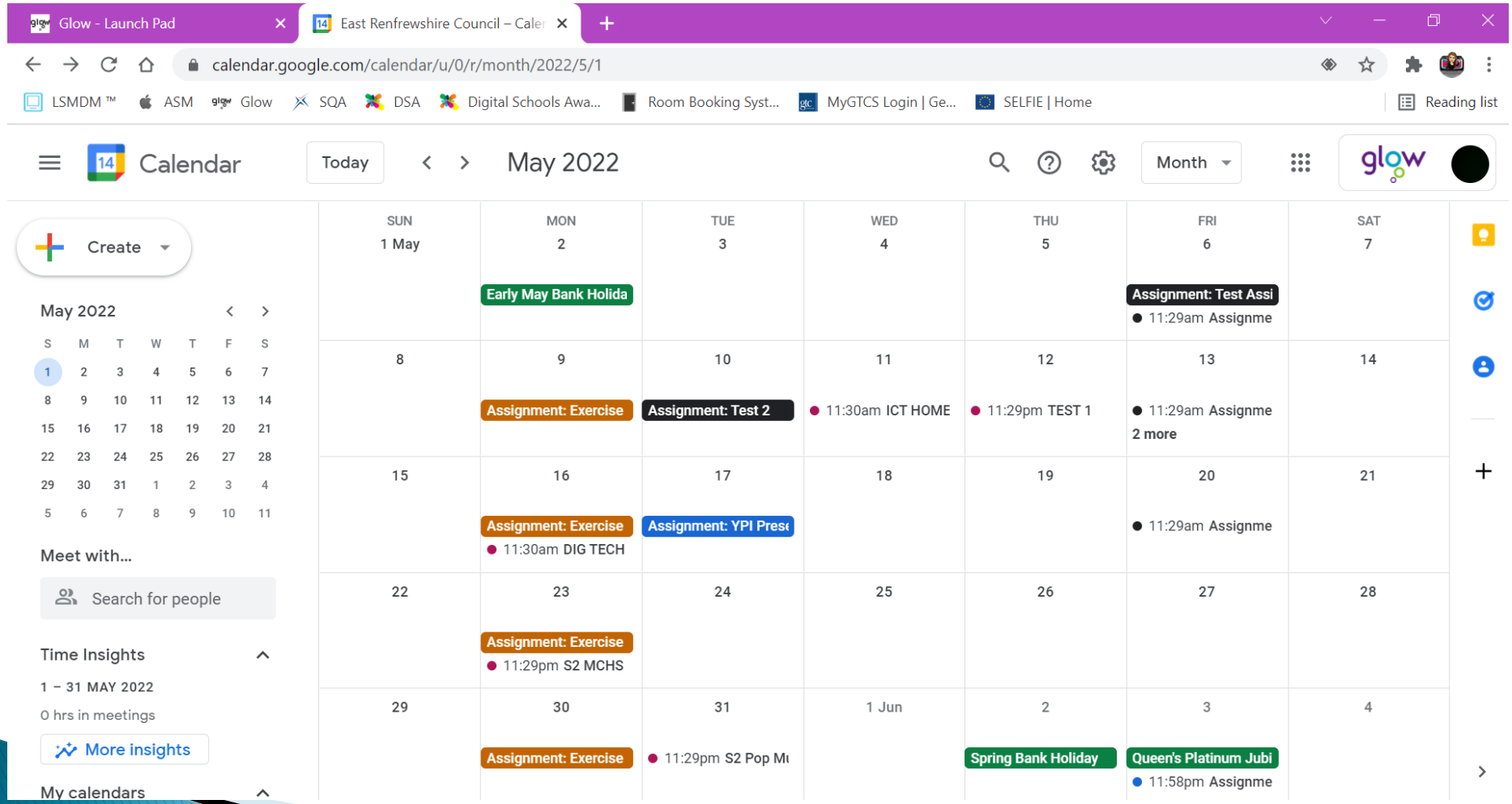
Homework

- All staff will now issue homework as an “assignment” on Google Classroom or Microsoft Teams.
- No matter the platform, this can all be viewed on each pupil’s Google Calendar in GLOW



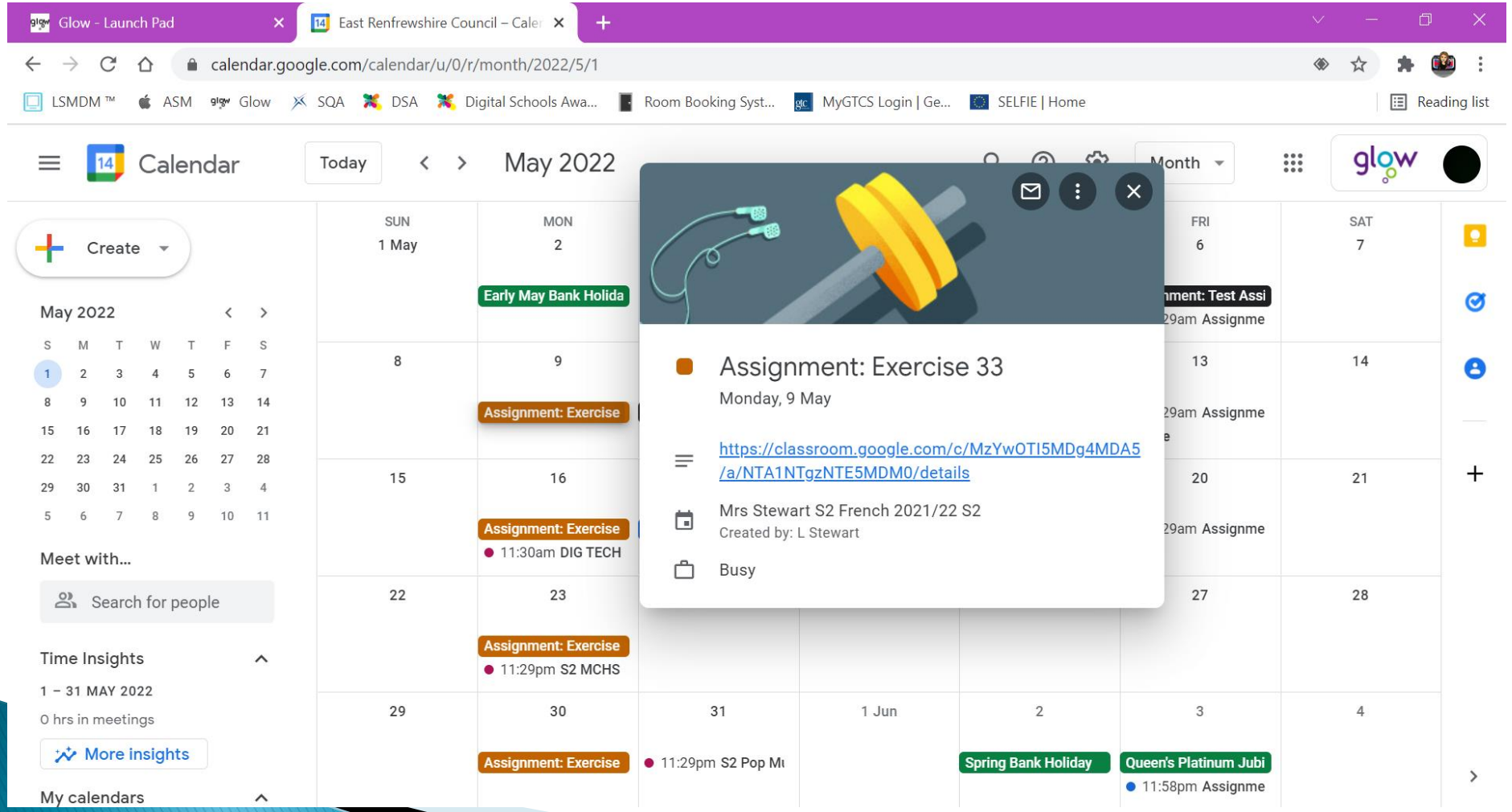
Homework

- The calendar will start to fill up with homework, like the example below



Homework

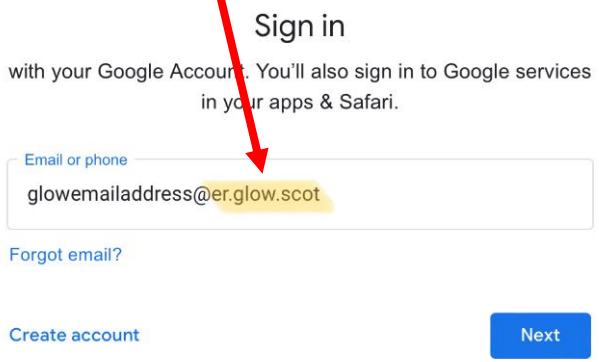
- Pupils will then be able to click on the hyperlink for each piece of homework and will be taken straight to the homework for that subject.



Google Calendar App

- *Parents can access their child's Google Calendar by **seeking permission from your child** to log in to the Google Calendar app on the parents phone.*

It must be the child's school Google account – not a personal Email account. The last part of the login is the key bit.



- *We have some of our S6 Digital Ambassadors available at the end, who will be able to help set your phone up, if you know your child's GLOW details.*
- *We are in the process of finalising the set up for S1's and then the whole school will be ready to launch our online homework recording. At this point we will send parents a step by step guide.*

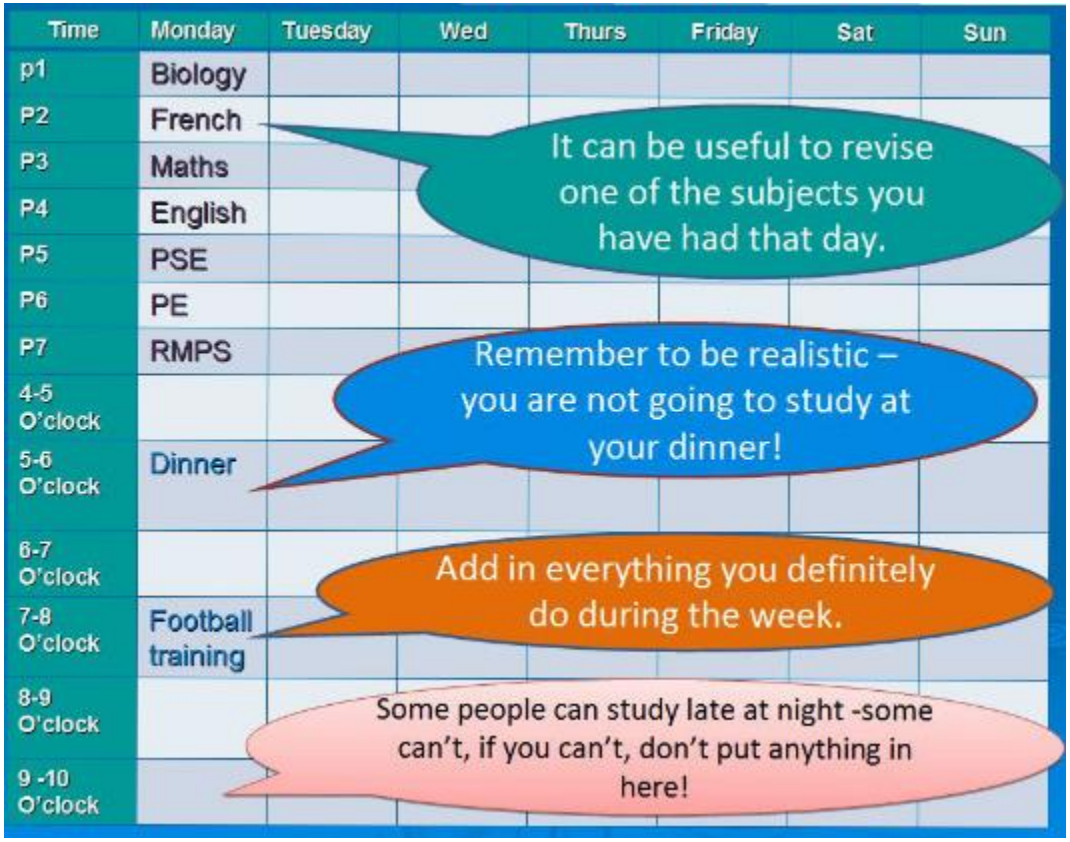
GLOW & MCHS Website

- Each subject has a designated area on the school website.
- Resources and learning materials will also be shared via each class's Google Classroom or Teams page.

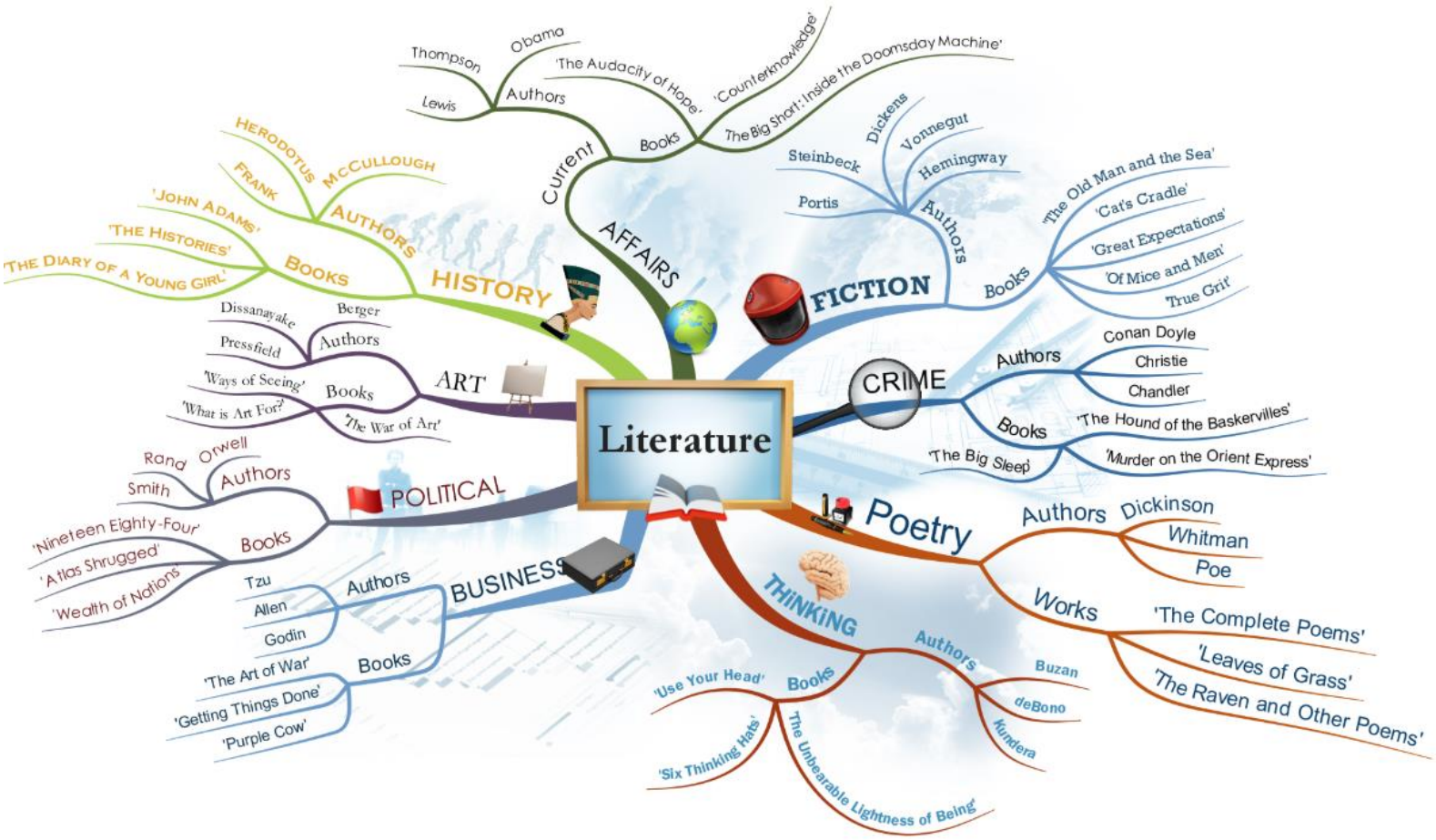
Planning for study

- Dedicated study area
- Work to a plan
- Organise notes and resources
- Mobile phones
- Diet
- Exercise
- Sleep patterns

Study techniques



Mind Maps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'Six Thinking Hats'
'The Unbearable Lightness of Being'

Mnemonics

Cranial Bones

Old People from Texas Eat Spiders

Occipital
Parietal
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Temporal
Ethnoid
Spheniod

Flash Cards

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Recording Notes and Study Apps

Apps and software

- Evernote
- Springpad
- Simplenote
- Google keep
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Post Its

Walker Sucks
Break Minor and Steven Blue from Madison were locked out on March 1st 2011
The password is Money
Mary Johnston 53222
Union Rights!
Honey I'm Home
Public Employees Are Citizens & Voters
Pull up the moat!
Strongly Support the Unions!
Democracy not Democrazy
LET US IN!!
I WAS HERE to witness the attempt to kill democracy
I AM ASHAMED
THE PEOPLE WHO ARE GOING TO RECALL YOUR ASS
WE ARE WINNING!
TAX CORPS & the Rich
HEY!!! THE COURT SAID WE CAN COME IN!!
Katie - 28 Newton WI Please let me in.
Jim Johnston 53226
Cathy Johnston 53226
YOU LIE

Bedroom???

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How do school staff support learning?

Each department tends to have a menu of support options for intervention available:

- Subject Ambassadors
- Revision notes
- Exam / test strategies / questions
- Study Cards – help sheet to make them up
- Lunchtime support
- Small group/1-1 catch up
- Assisted study/Targeted Study/Study Café

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Keeping wellbeing at the Heart of Mearns Castle

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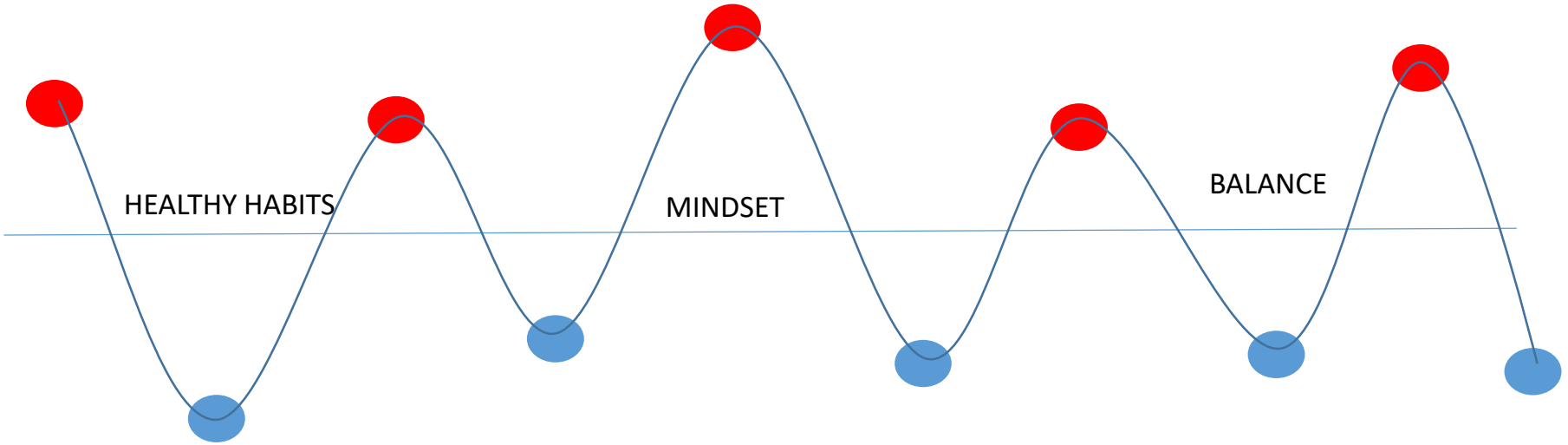
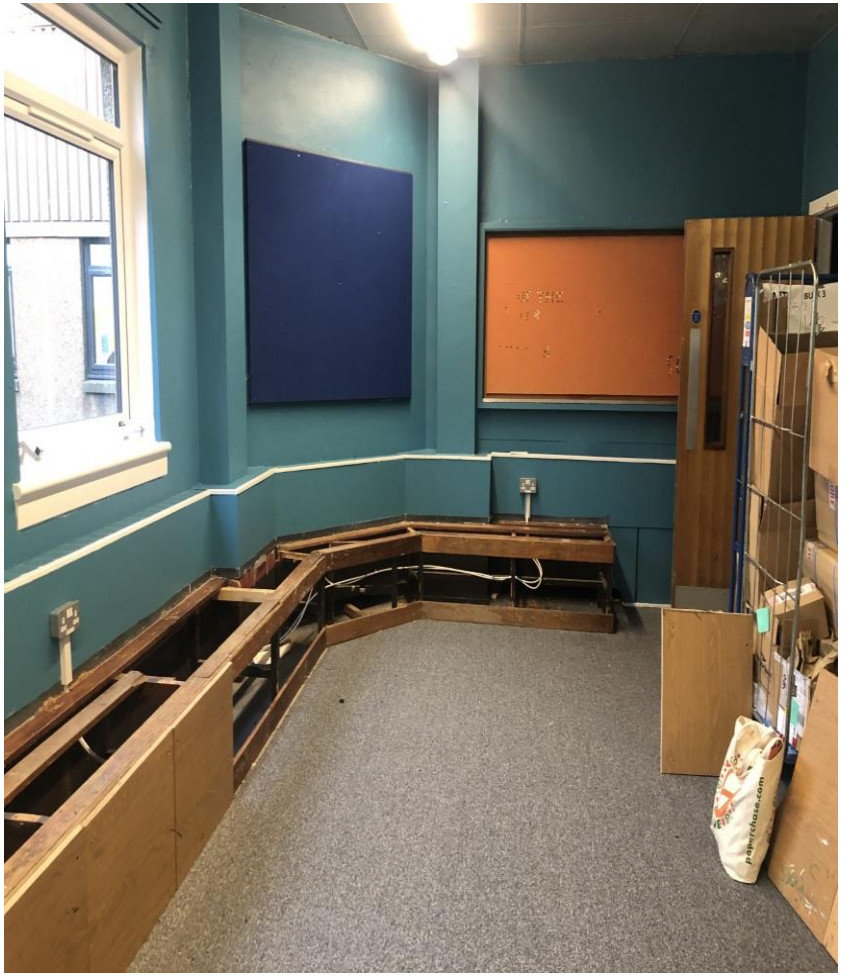
What Is Wellbeing ?





Vicious Cycle
Easy-4-Step Plan

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Meet the Wellbeing Team

Ms Cartledge

Heather

Connor

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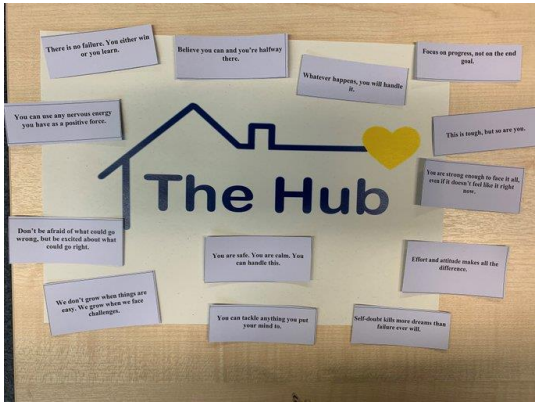

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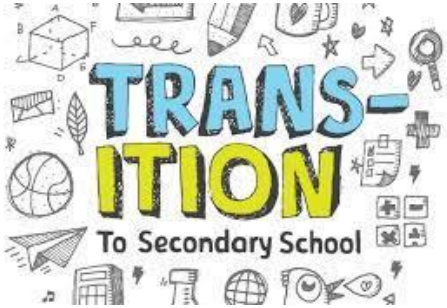

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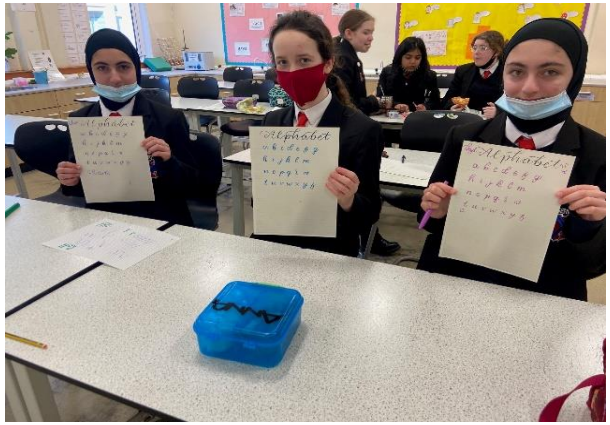
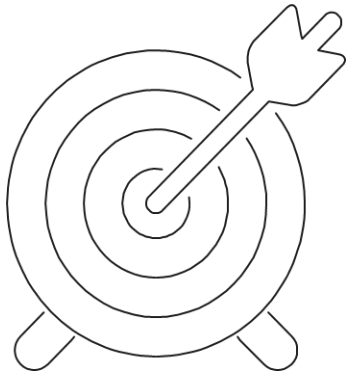


Targeted Support

Group Sessions



1 to 1 Sessions

Relationship Building

Outdoor Activities

Creative Activities

Flexible Drop In

Relaxation Techniques

It's All About...

Relationships

The simple stuff matters

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- **S4** (provisional)
  - S4 tracking Report – October 2023
  - S4 Parents meeting – October 2023
  - Work Experience – October 2023
  - Prelims – December 2023
  - S4 Report – confirmation of presentation levels – January 2024

We welcome your feedback

- An online evaluation will be available from tomorrow

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