

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%



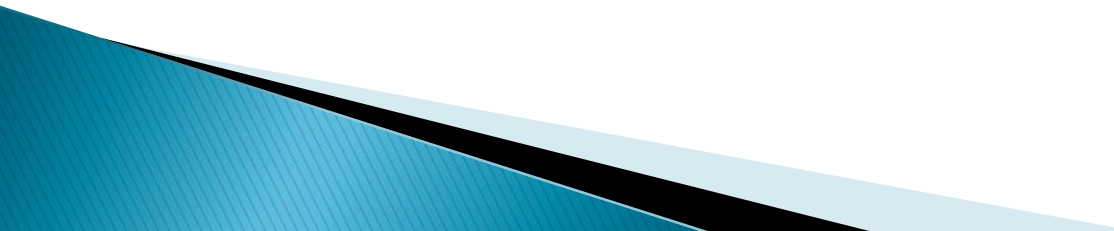
Mrs J. Mitchell – Deputy Head Teacher



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 your 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?
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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.sqf.org.uk to view the interactive version of the Framework or search the Database.



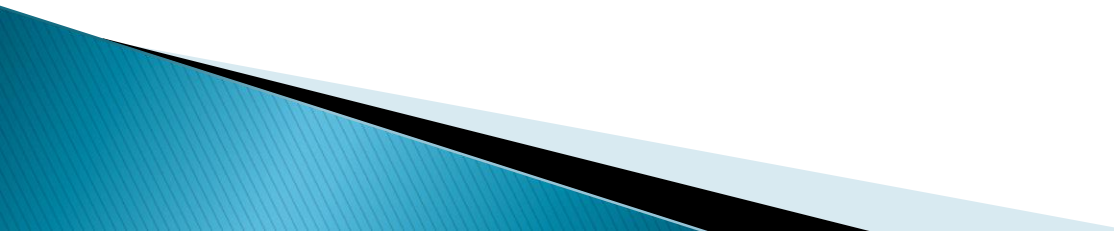
SCQF Levels	SQA Qualifications		Qualifications of Higher Education Institutions	SVQs/MAs
12			Doctoral Degree	Professional Apprenticeship
11			Masters Degree, Integrated Masters Degree, Post Graduate Diploma, Post Graduate Certificate	Professional Apprenticeship SVQ 5
10			Honours Degree, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate	Professional Apprenticeship
9			Professional Development Award	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.
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Presentation Levels?

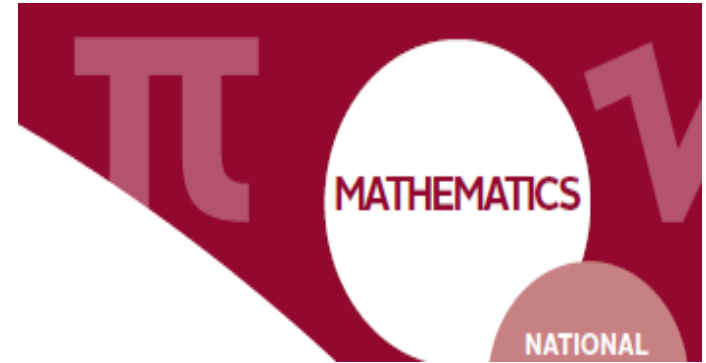
- ▶ Consistently around 93%+ of our S4 presentations are at N5.
- ▶ Final decisions about presentation levels will, in the main, take place after the prelims – ambitious but realistic
- ▶ N4 may be a better route for some young people allowing them to have success in S4 and then build on that during 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)

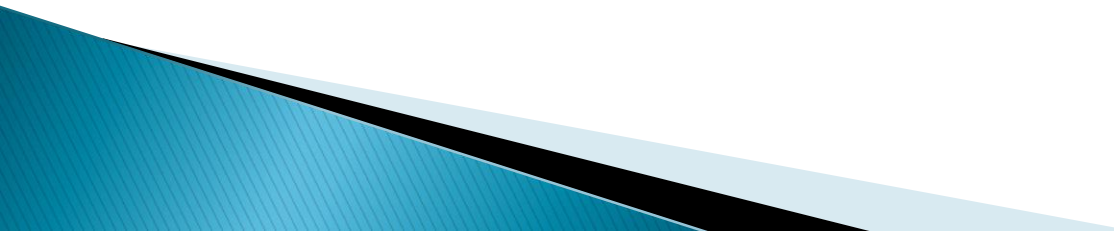


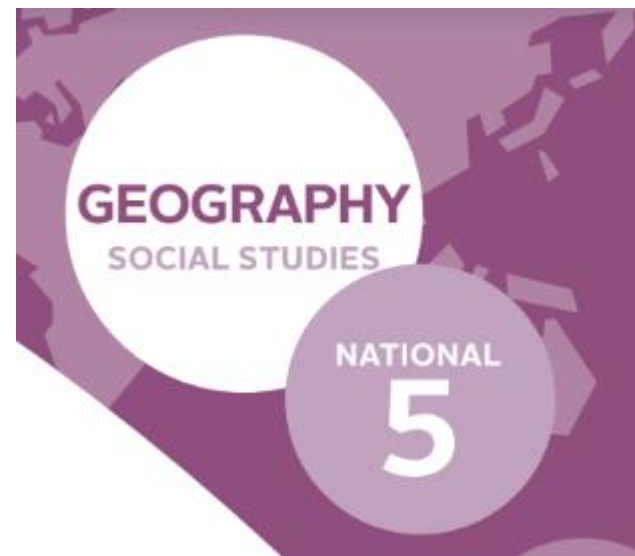
- ▶ School assessment will show competence in each of the two areas of expressive art and design and may include sketch books, extended writing, notes, group discussions, reviews, critiques
- ▶ The Course Assessment consists of two portfolios (showing investigation development and evaluation leading 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
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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

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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



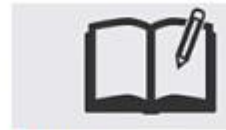
Design and manufacture



Drama



Engineering science



English



Fashion and textile technology



French



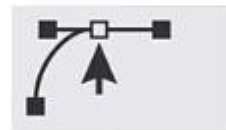
Gaelic (Learners)



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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@_laxmy_ sorry to hear that, although if you click the Y towards the top right when you're in an assessment there are some input tips.



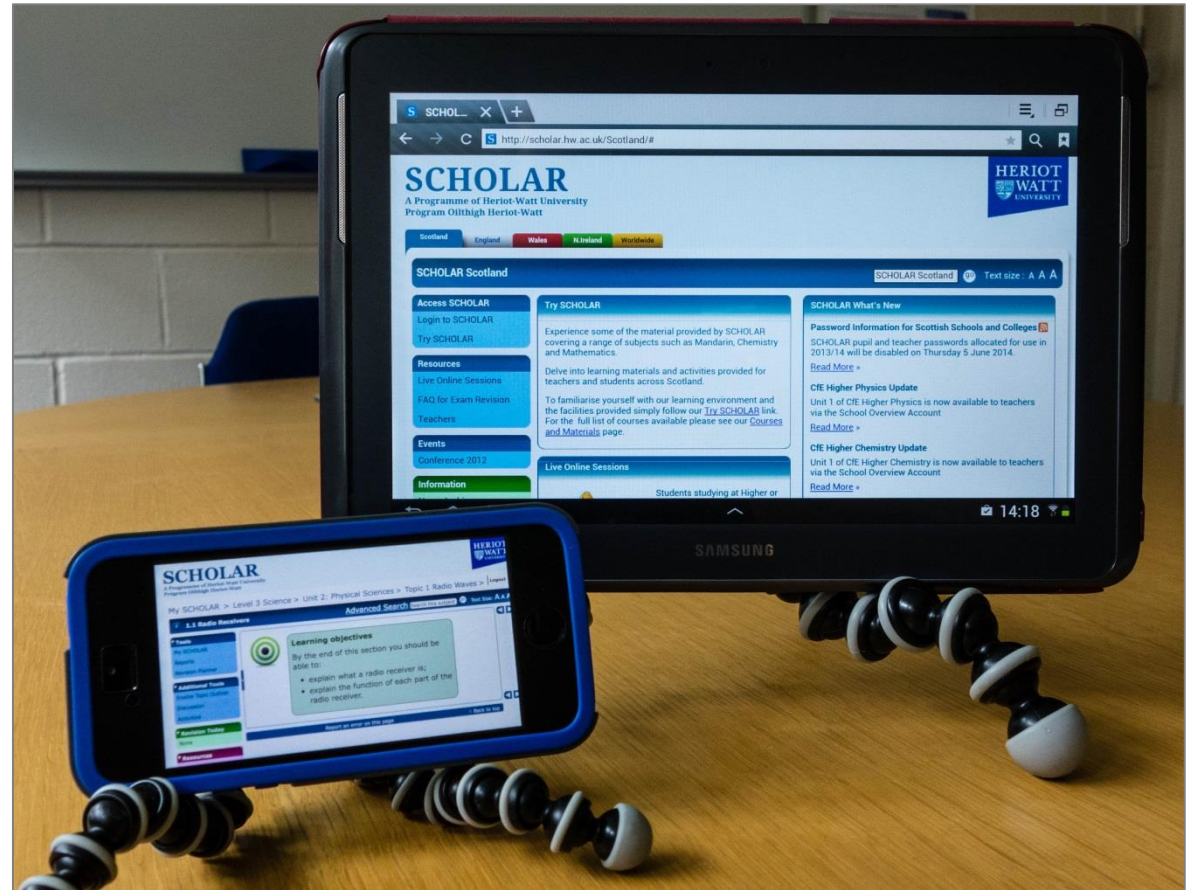
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- 1 Access to online tutors
- 2 Instant feedback on exam tests and quizzes
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COURSES AVAILABLE

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	*	✓	✓

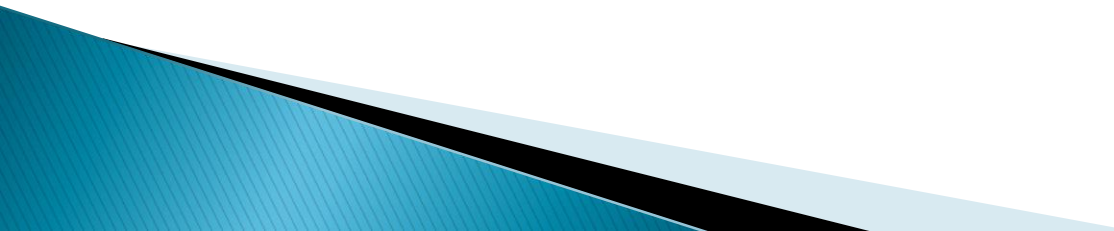
Additional Support for Learning

- ▶ 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.
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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

The screenshot displays the GLOW (Digital Learning for Scotland) interface. At the top, there are navigation options: "Launch Pad", "App Library", and "Management Console". Below this is a search bar for "Launch Pads" and a "View my Files" button. The main content area is titled "Mearns Castle High School" and contains a grid of application launch pads. A red arrow points to the "Google Calendar" icon, which is labeled "Google Calendar" and "Google Workspace for E...". Other visible launch pads include "Add", "Staff Section", "Office 365 Home", "Microsoft Teams", "Google Classroom", "Google Drive", "OneDrive", "SCHOLAR", "Parents Evening System", "Microsoft Educator C...", "Report a Glow Concern", "SharePoint", "ClickView", "Glow Blogs East Renfr...", "SQA", "Insight", "Download Office Now", "Mail", "People", "RM People Directory", "Scotland on Screen", "Screening Shorts", "Scran", "Calendar", "Learning Forum", "TED", "NASA Education", "BBC LANGUAGES", and "Yammer".

Homework

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

The screenshot shows a Google Calendar interface for May 2022. The calendar is viewed in a monthly grid format. The top navigation bar includes a search bar, a question mark icon, a settings gear, and a 'Month' dropdown menu. The sidebar on the left contains a 'Create' button, a calendar navigation view for May 2022, a 'Meet with...' section with a search for people, 'Time Insights' for the month of May 2022 (showing 0 hours in meetings), and 'My calendars'.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 May	2 Early May Bank Holiday	3	4	5	6 Assignment: Test Assi ● 11:29am Assignme	7
8	9 Assignment: Exercise	10 Assignment: Test 2	11 ● 11:30am ICT HOME	12 ● 11:29pm TEST 1	13 ● 11:29am Assignme 2 more	14
15	16 Assignment: Exercise ● 11:30am DIG TECH	17 Assignment: YPI Pres	18	19	20 ● 11:29am Assignme	21
22	23 Assignment: Exercise ● 11:29pm S2 MCHS	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 Assignment: Exercise	31 ● 11:29pm S2 Pop M	1 Jun	2 Spring Bank Holiday	3 Queen's Platinum Jub ● 11:58pm Assignme	4

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.

The screenshot shows a Google Calendar interface for May 2022. A popup window is displayed over the calendar, showing details for an assignment on Monday, 9 May. The popup includes a classroom link, the teacher's name, and a meeting time.

Assignment: Exercise 33
Monday, 9 May

<https://classroom.google.com/c/MzYwOTI5MDg4MDA5/a/NTA1NTgzNTE5MDM0/details>

Mrs Stewart S2 French 2021/22 S2
Created by: L Stewart

Busy

The background calendar shows various events and holidays, including 'Early May Bank Holiday' on May 1st, 'Spring Bank Holiday' on May 2nd, and 'Queen's Platinum Jubilee' on May 3rd. There are also several 'Assignment: Exercise' events scheduled for May 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th.

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.

Sign in

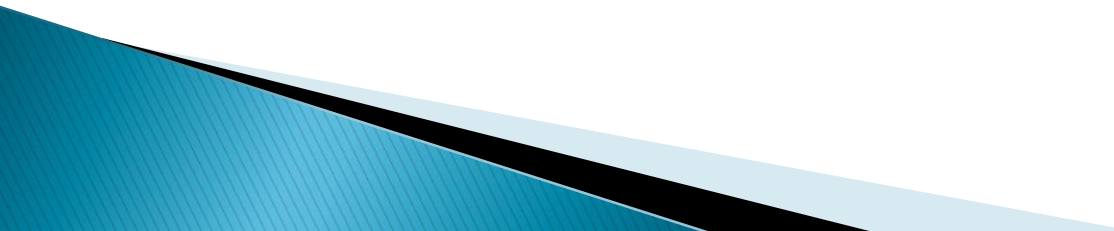
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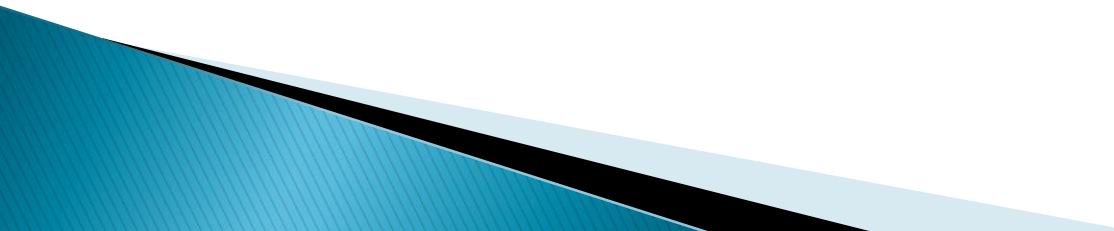
[Forgot email?](#)

[Create account](#) [Next](#)

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.
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Planning for study

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

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thurs	Friday	Sat	Sun
p1	Biology						
P2	French						
P3	Maths						
P4	English						
P5	PSE						
P6	PE						
P7	RMPS						
4-5 O'clock							
5-6 O'clock	Dinner						
6-7 O'clock							
7-8 O'clock	Football training						
8-9 O'clock							
9 -10 O'clock							

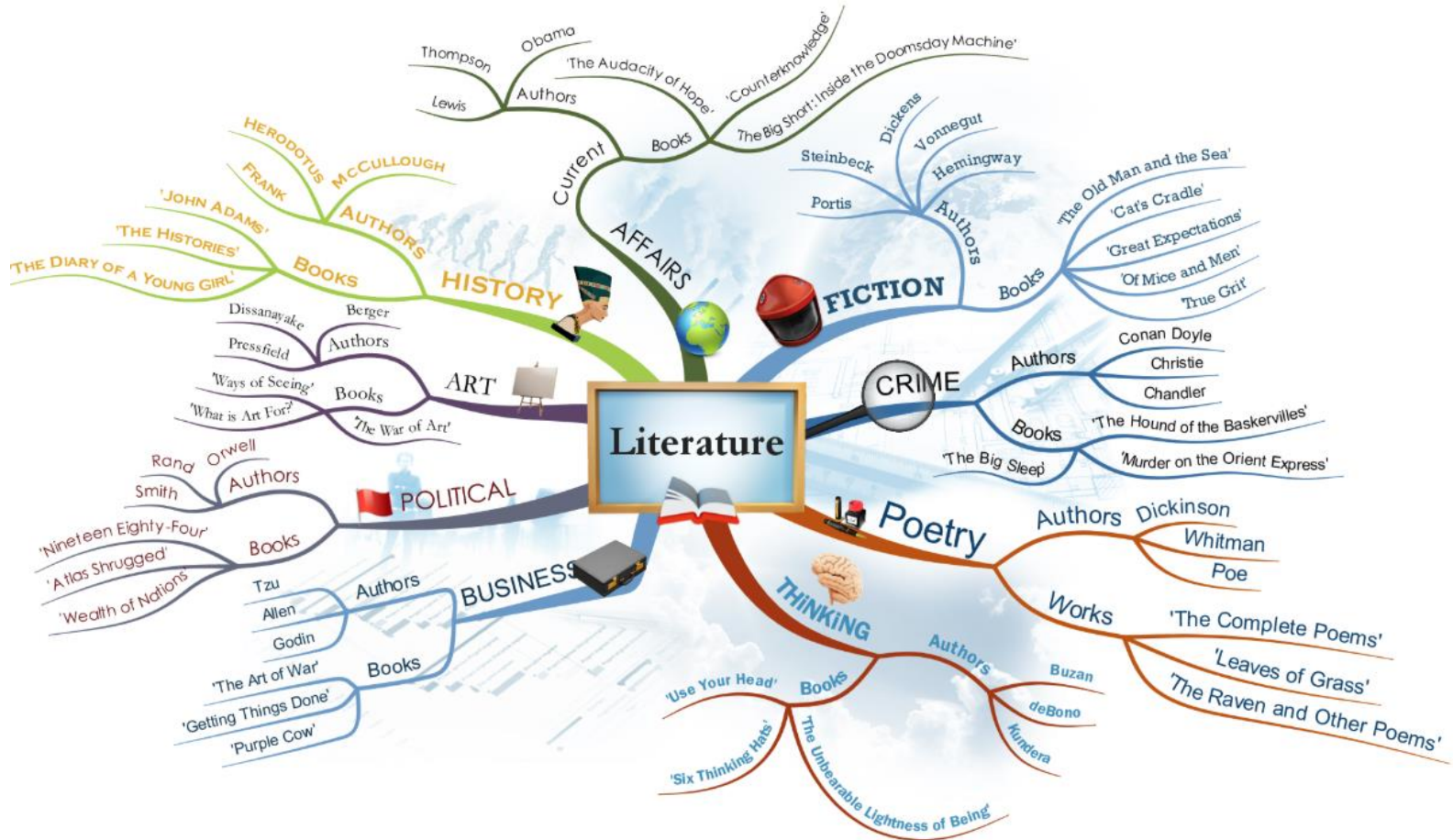
It can be useful to revise one of the subjects you have had that day.

Remember to be realistic – you are not going to study at your dinner!

Add in everything you definitely do during the week.

Some people can study late at night -some can't, if you can't, don't put anything in here!

Mind Maps



Mnemonics



Cranial Bones

Old People from Texas Eat Spiders

Occipital
Parietal
Frontal
Temporal
Ethmoid
Sphenoid

Flash Cards



Recording Notes and Study Apps



Apps and software

- Evernote
- Springpad
- Simplenote
- Google keep
- Microsoft Onenote



YouTube

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How To STUDY!! (tips and tricks)

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- Study/Organizational Tips from the Head of a Department
- LBOC - Memory Tricks
- How to study effectively
- My Revision Tips and Tricks
- Memory Trick for Study Habits
- 2 Great Ways to Study for Exams!

Bedroom???

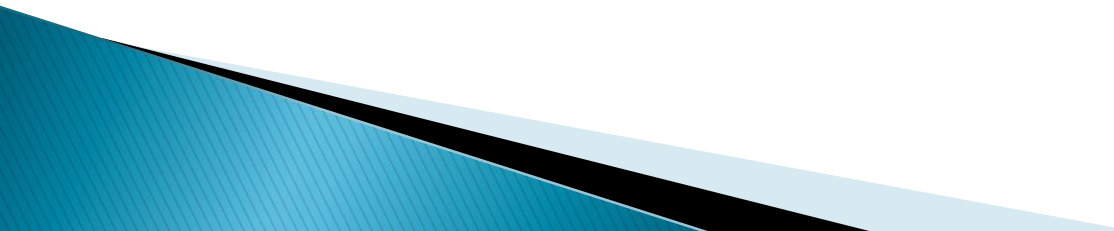


Bedroom???



How do school staff support learning?

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

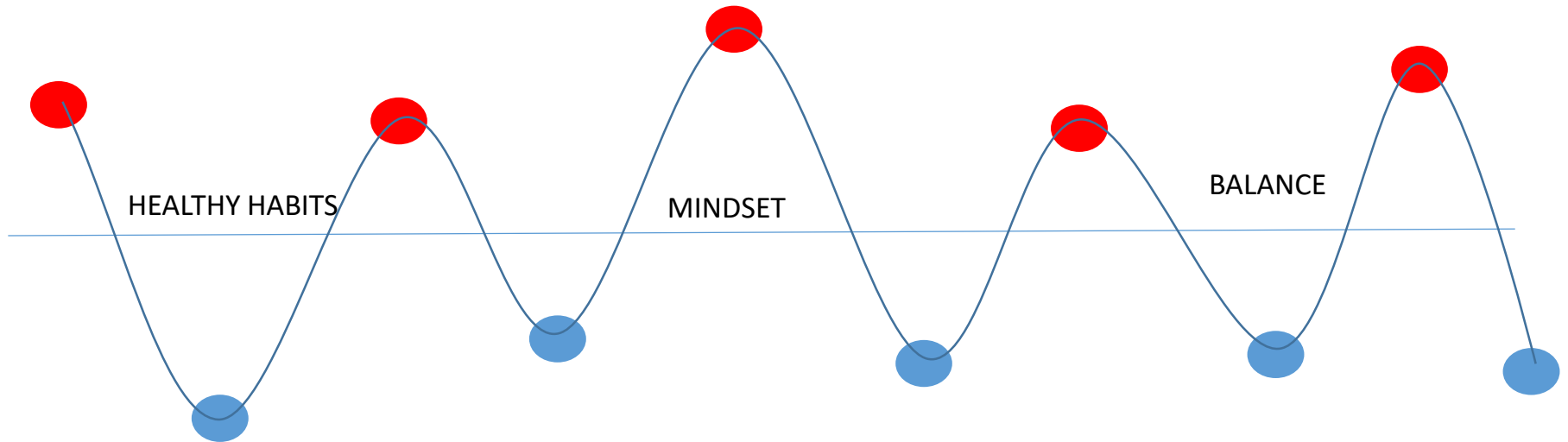
- ▶ Subject Ambassadors
 - ▶ Revision notes
 - ▶ Exam / test strategies / questions
 - ▶ Study Cards – help sheet to make them up
 - ▶ Lunchtime support
 - ▶ Small group/1-1 catch up
 - ▶ Assisted study/Targeted Study/Study Café
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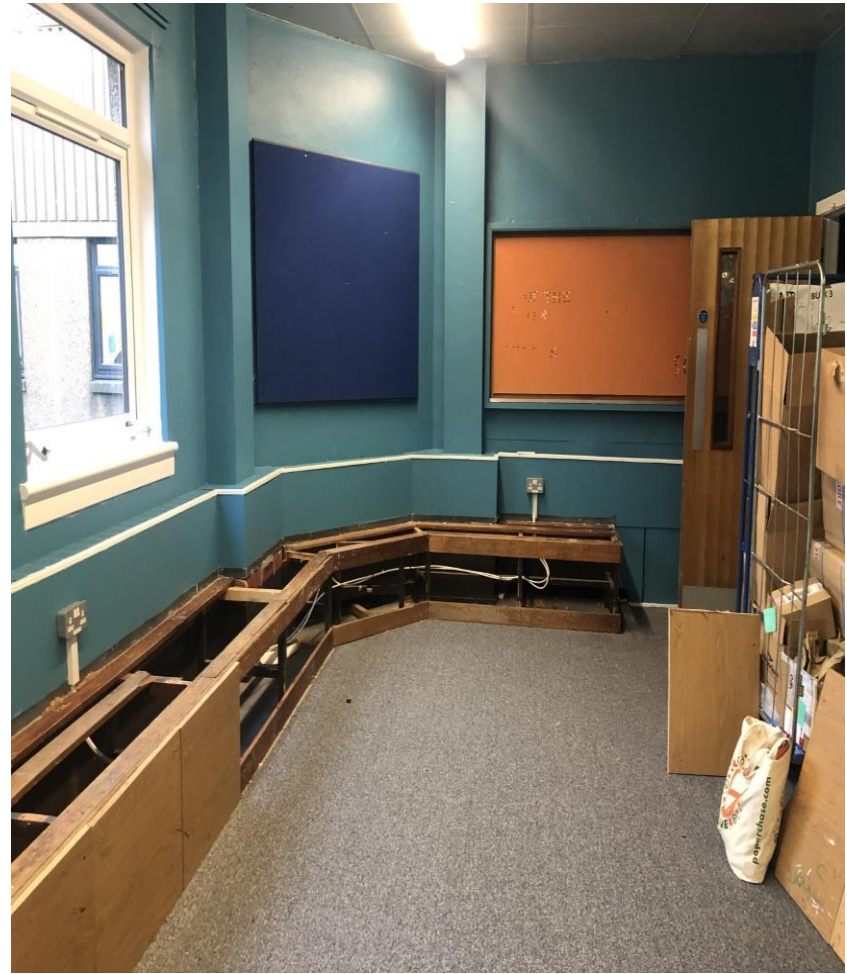


**Keeping wellbeing
at the Heart of Mearns Castle**



What Is Wellbeing?







Meet the Wellbeing Team



Ms Cartledge

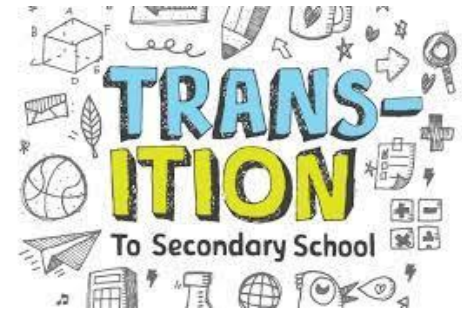
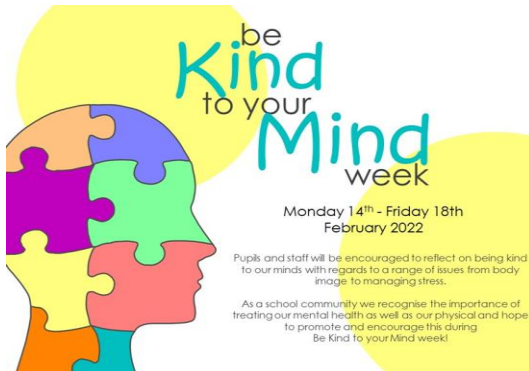
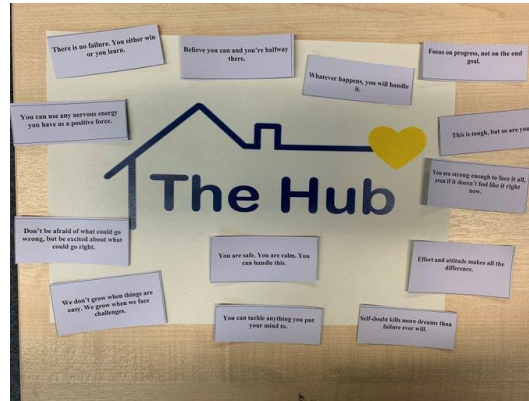


Heather



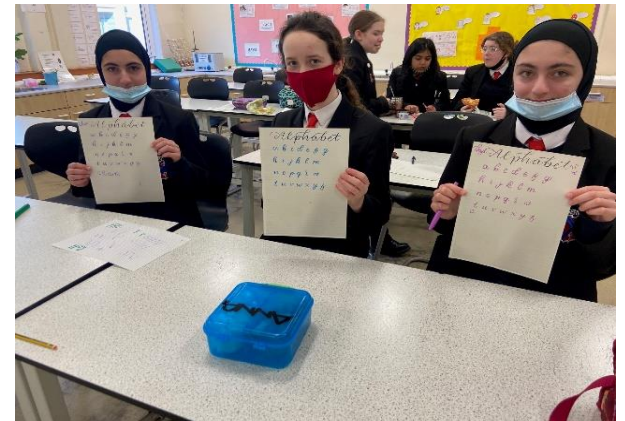
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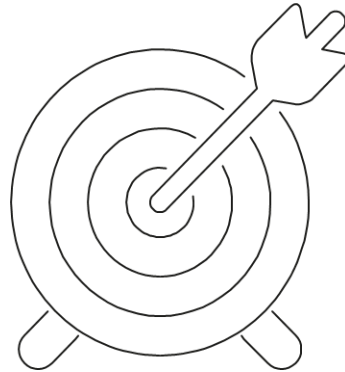


The Hub



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



The Year Ahead - Key dates

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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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THANK YOU