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To All Senior Pupils and Parent/Carers

## Senior Prelim Examinations

The Senior Prelim Examinations will begin on Monday 20 January 2025 and will continue until Monday 3 February 2025. Departments are currently offering a wide range of Assisted Study opportunities as outlined in the attached information. We strongly encourage pupils to take advantage of these Assisted Study sessions to prevent the need for 'cramming' during the festive period. You will find a detailed version of the assisted study timetable on the school website along with information regarding study resources for each curricular area. In addition, Saturday Study Café sessions will run from Saturday 11 January 2024.

Please see attached copy of the prelim timetable, detailing dates, times and rooms for these exams. During the exam diet, pupils must attend either their timetabled class **or** be in attendance at a scheduled exam. Pupils should be committing time to revision at home and should ensure that they bring appropriate revision materials to school in line with their current timetable. Class teachers will be able to support revision and allow time for exam preparation. These exams are designed to give pupils a realistic picture of their progress towards their target grades, practice of revising for exams and working in formal exam conditions. The results will also help guide teachers towards final levels of presentation and feedback on pupils' prelim performance will be made available to parents through a full report due to be issued on 27 February 2025. Prelim performance is also very important in determining the estimates the school provides to the SQA.

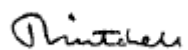
If pupils have any additional exam arrangements made with the Support for Learning Department, they must make sure that they have spoken to Mrs Houstoun as they will have organised the necessary support for individuals.

The examinations are carried out by the team of invigilators who operate the SQA exams for us and are members of our surrounding community. They will give pupils instructions prior to the start of each exam and good behaviour will be expected. They will also inform pupils that no mobile phones or electronic devices such as tablets and smart watches are allowed in the examination room. **Pupils must be in the examination room at least ten minutes before the start of each exam so that attendance can be taken.** Full uniform is expected in all exam halls. If a pupil is unwell and unable to attend on the day of an exam someone must contact the school office prior to the exam start time. If you have any concerns regarding the forthcoming prelims, you must make sure that you speak to your Depute Head Teacher well in advance so that we can make any necessary arrangements.

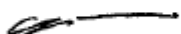


Best wishes with your preparations and studying.

Yours sincerely



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