Advance Higher Course Overview Booklet

This information has been put together to support your son or daughter to plan their studies in preparation for their assessments. We would have liked to have been in a position to provide a definitive response for all courses, however, the information is **subject to change** as the assessment content will be dependent on the date that we return to school which is yet unknown. When the return date is confirmed, pupils will be provided with an update through their online platforms.

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Advanced Higher Art and Design	
Assessment Coverage	Timeline is available for pupils on the AH Art and Design EK20 Teams page, within the Files section, Class Materials and here .
	Assessment is ongoing. Pupils complete a practical folio within their chosen discipline. A body of work with relevant investigation and development work leads to the final outcome.
	Contextual Analysis - Pupils explore the work of relevant artists/designers and present an essay demonstrating relevant analytical observations and an understanding of social and cultural influences.
	An evaluation is then completed and accompanies the body of work.
Course Completion	It is estimated that pupils will begin their final outcome by week 33 (10 th Feb) and will have submitted their finalised contextual analysis by week 36 (22 nd Feb).
	At this stage investigation and development should be complete.
	Following this, pupils will be presenting their body of work and completing an evaluation, with final folio submissions for the 2 nd of April.
Online Content	Pupils are currently following individual targets in order to complete their folio from home. Weekly check-ins allow their progress to be monitored and individual feedback guides next steps.

Advanced Higher Biology	
AH Assessment Coverage	All of Unit 1 as well as Unit 2 up to an including Key area 2.4 Behaviour. Unit 3 will be assessed at a later date. Please note that this will be dependent on the date we return to school. If our return date is later, additional course content will need to be included in the assessment due to time constraints. We will update pupils through the Online Platforms.
Course Completion	It is estimated/planned that we will have completed the course by 15 th March. Following this, we will be consolidating and revising.
New content taught online	Although the new content being taught at present is not planned to be included in the first assessment, this will still be assessed later after the first assessment has taken place. We will confirm this date later.

Advanced Higher Business Management	
Assessment Coverage	All topics will be assessed.
	Pupils also have to complete an assignment and sections are being submitted to class teachers who will comment and return the work to be amended.
Course Completion	The course is complete and targeted revision questions are being set on a weekly basis.
New content taught online	One topic was concluded on-line and will need to be in the assessment. Responses from pupils indicate a good level of understanding.

Advanced Higher Chemistry	
Advanced Higher Assessment Coverage	All classes have completed the following units- Unit 1 Inorganic Chemistry, Unit 2 Physical Chemistry and Unit 3 Organic Chemistry and Structural Analysis. They are currently working on Unit 4 Researching Chemistry.
	The Assessment will cover Units 1, 2 & 3 which were completed in class prior to the Christmas holiday. Please note that this will be dependent on the date we return to school. If our return date is later, additional course content will need to be included in the assessment due to time constraints. We will update pupils through the Online Platforms.
Course Completion	It is estimated/planned that we will have completed the course by the end of February 2021. Following this, we will be consolidating and revising.
	The pupils, however, should already be undertaking preparation for assessments by undertaking revision involving past paper questions.

Online Content	Although the new content being taught at present is not planned to
	be included in the first assessment, this will be assessed later after
	the first assessment has taken place. We will confirm this date in due
	course.

Advanced Higher Computing Science	
AH Assessment Coverage	The Assessment will cover all topics in the Course Timeline except for Computer Systems and Evaluation which have been removed this year.
	Please see the <u>course timeline</u> here. Please see the <u>skills, knowledge and understanding</u> required for the course assessment here.
Course Completion	We will have completed the delivery of all lessons by the first week in February. The class are currently consolidating their learning, revising for the assessment, and continuing to work on their project.
New content taught online	Responsive web design (1 lesson with two sets of slides) is the only topic to be taught remotely. This can appear in the assessment or selected projects.

Advanced Higher Drama	
Advanced Higher Assessment Coverage	Pupil assessment will cover all topics in the course.
Course Completion	Written work: Assignment has been completed (20% of course). Dissertation is ongoing (30% of course).
	Theoretical elements pupils continue to carry out during home learning all relate to dissertation.
	Some assessment opportunities for the practical element of the course are yet to be completed. Pupils will work on these elements during in school learning as soon as restrictions allow.
New content taught online	Dissertation is being supported online. Written feedback is provided on tasks designed to support development of the project and individual live tutorials plus class discussion sessions are offered. This builds on work already developed pre closure.

Advanced Higher English	
S6 Assessment Coverage	The Advanced Higher English components are:
	Literary Study: one comparative critical essay on the two Nabokov novels studied
	Textual Analysis: one unseen textual analysis chosen from four options
	The above are worth 20 marks each i.e. 40% of the overall grade and will be completed under timed, supervised conditions when we return to school.
	In addition, there is the <u>independent folio</u> work currently underway. This comprises:
	One dissertation on texts of the student's own choice One piece of writing in a genre of the student's own choice
	The above are worth 30 marks each i.e. 60% of the overall grade. Teachers can, and are, given ongoing support within the guidelines issued by SQA. We will confirm the deadline for these pieces once the return to school is confirmed.
	We will update pupils through the Online Platforms.
Course Completion	It is estimated/planned that we will have completed the course by early March. Following this, we will be consolidating and revising.
Online Content	The online content is revision in preparation for the assessments

AH French	
Assessment Coverage	The Assessment will cover topics from the Contexts of Society. Learning, Employability and Culture. As French is a skills based subject, it is important to practise Reading, Writing, Listening and Talking.
Course Completion	We estimate that the last 2 topics of Environment and Lifelong Learning will be completed by mid-March. Following this, we will be consolidating, revising and preparing for formal assessments. The talking element will be carried out on our return to school.
New content taught online	The topics that we have been completing on line, within the Contexts of SLEC, may be examined in the formal assessments. The

skills mentioned above will continue to be revised on our return to
school.

Advanced Higher Geography	
Assessment Coverage	The Assessment will cover all topics in the Advanced Higher course.
	Map Interpretation
	Gathering and Processing Techniques
	3. Geographical Data Handling
Course Completion	We have finished the course work for the final assessment and are currently consolidating and revising past paper questions.
	It is estimated that we will have completed the internal coursework, including your Study by the 12 th February and Issues Essay by 18 th
	March.

Advanced Higher Crephie	
Advanced Higher Graphic	
Communication	
S6 Assessment Coverage	Advanced Higher Graphic Communication will be assessed through a Question Paper (80 marks, 57%) and a Project, set by the SQA (60 marks, 43%). Both of these elements will be internally marked this year. The grade awarded is based on the total marks achieved from both course assessments.
	The course assessments will cover all topics detailed in the <u>SQA</u> <u>Course Specification</u> (Pages 5-9). Please see the course Timeline <u>here</u> . Please note, the date of the question paper will be dependent on the date we return to school. We will continue to update pupils through the Online Platforms.
	Pupils are currently working through their Project and have been since December. Some elements of this assignment can be completed at home, others require specialist software which if possible the students can download from home although they may need to be completed when we return to school.
Course Completion	We have finished the course and are currently consolidating and revising.
Online Content	The content currently being covered online is submitting evidence towards their Project used for producing their estimates, in addition to this they complete weekly revision in preparation for the assessments.

Aspects of course that	Due to the nature of the Graphic Communication course both
cannot be covered online	sections of the project require completing a Graphic Solution using
	specialist software. Students have been encouraged to access these
	resources if possible with guides on downloading available on the
	class teams.

Advanced Higher History	
Assessment Coverage	The Assessment will cover topics from eight of the ten issues in the course content. A dissertation must be completed.
Course Completion	It is estimated that we will have completed the key elements of the course by late February. Following this, we will be consolidating and revising and preparing for our formal assessments. We may choose to cover one extra issue from the course content, if the circumstances allow.
New content taught online	The section on the Nature of the National Socialist Regime and the Attempts to create a Volksgemeinschaft that we are completing on line may be examined in one of our formal assessments on our return to school. These topics will be revised on our return to school.

Advanced Higher Mathematics	
S5/6 Assessment Coverage	The Assessment will cover up to and including Matrices in the Course Timeline. Pupils are working on this material at the moment. Please note that this will be dependent on the date we return to school. If our return date is later, additional course content will need to be included in the assessment due to time constraints. We will update pupils through the Online Platforms.
Course Completion	It is estimated/planned that we will have completed the course by the end of March/beginning of April. Following this, we will be consolidating and revising.
New content taught online	The new content taught online <u>up to Matrices only</u> is included in the assessment. Pupils will continue to work on the next topics upon completion of matrices (complex numbers and proofs). These will not be included in the assessment.

AH MODERN STUDIES	
Assessment Coverage	The Assessment will cover topics B, C & D of the Law & Order Option of the Advanced Higher Course – Understanding criminal behaviour, Responses by society to crime and Social Science Research Methods and Issues. Candidates will also complete a dissertation on an issue chosen from an SQA list of approved titles for this Option, Law & Order.
Course Completion	It is estimated that we will have completed the required sections of the course by mid-February. Following this, we will be consolidating and revising, and preparing for our formal assessments. We will also continue to work on dissertations, with a view to these being completed by the end of March. We may choose to cover one extra issue from the Law & Order Option, if the circumstances allow.
New content taught online	Candidates are currently studying non-custodial responses to crime, the last issue of the responses by society to crime topic. These topics will be revised on our return to school.

Advanced Higher Music	
Advanced Higher	The Assessment will cover all topics in the course.
Assessment Coverage	
Course Completion	The listening part of the course is now completed. The revision booklet has everything you need to know.
	The performing assessment is the exact same as your performing prelim (which you sat in November/December) – same pieces!
New content taught online	20 th Century concepts have been taught online. These concepts will be included in all future listening assessments.

Advanced Higher Physical	
Education	
Assessment Coverage	Pupils have covered section 1 and section 2 of the project. Pupils are currently working through section 3 of the project and will consolidate this learning on their return to school.
	Pupils will also carry out a practical performance (30% of overall mark) when they return to school. We do not have a final date for this assessment as a result of current restrictions that are in place.

	When we have a date pupils will be notified and given time to prepare for the assessment.
Course Completion	The project should be completed by April. Pupils will then have time to consolidate learning.
New content taught online	Section 3 of the project.
Aspects of course that cannot be covered online	Due to the nature of the course, pupils' practical performance cannot be covered online. When pupils return to school we will give them time to prepare for their performance assessment before assessing them.

Advanced Higher Physics	
Advanced Higher Assessment Coverage	All classes have completed the following units – Quanta & Waves and Rotational Motion and Astrophysics. Unit assessments have already been completed for both. They are currently working on the final unit, Electromagnetism. The Assessment will cover all topics from the first two units. Please note that this will be dependent on the date we return to school. If our return date is later, additional course content may need to be included in the assessment due to time constraints. The pupils will be updated through the online platforms should we deem this necessary.
Course Completion	It is estimated that classes will have completed the course by the end of February. Once the course is completed, the classes will be consolidating and revising. The pupils, however, should already be undertaking revision, involving past paper questions, in preparation for assessments.
New content taught online	The classes are currently working through the remainder of the final unit; Motion in a Magnetic Field, Capacitors, Inductors, Reactance, Magnetic Materials and Unification of Electromagnetism Although the new content being taught at present is not planned to be included in the first assessment, a unit assessment is planned for the Electromagnetism Unit. The date for future assessment will be confirmed in due course.

Online Content	It is our intention to assess the course content currently being covered online. This evidence will be considered when the
	Provisional Estimates are being discussed and determined.

Advanced Higher Spanish	
Assessment Coverage	The Assessment will cover topics from the Contexts of Society. Learning, Employability and Culture. As Spanish is a skills based subject, it is important to practise Reading, Writing, Listening and Talking.
Course Completion	We estimate that the last 2 topics of Environment and Employability will have been completed by mid-March. Following this, we will be consolidating, revising and preparing for formal assessments. The talking element will be carried out on our return to school.
New content taught online	The topics that we have been completing on line, within the Contexts of SLEC, may be examined in the formal assessments. The skills mentioned above will continue to be revised on our return to school.