

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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Higher Accounting	
Assessment Coverage	<p>One assessment has already been completed.</p> <p>Between the 2 assessments we need to cover all topics.</p> <p>The second assessment will cover some topics taught prior to Christmas and some currently being taught.</p>
Course Completion	There are 2 topics left to teach.
New content taught online	<p>The topics covered remotely will need to be assessed but only after we have ensured a good level of understanding.</p> <p>We are in a good place as we already have evidence from one "prelim".</p>

Higher Administration and IT	
Assessment Coverage	The Assessments will cover all topics in the course.
Course Completion	<p>The course is finished and we are currently consolidating and revising.</p> <p>The revision being issued now is relevant and should be completed in order to enable you to do the assessments.</p> <p>We will move onto IT past paper questions which is what we would be doing in class.</p>
New content taught online	<p>The topics of Meetings and Communications will be in assessments however there will be targeted revision before you do any assessment.</p> <p>The IT course was completed before Christmas however consolidation is key and tasks set must be completed.</p>

Higher Art & Design	
S5 Assessment Coverage	<p>The Assessment will cover all topics up to and including week 40 in the Course Timeline. Please see the course Timelines here.</p> <p>The full course will be covered in the Assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design Folio • Expressive Folio • Question Paper
Course Completion	<p>It is planned that we will have completed the course by Friday the 2nd of April. Following this, we will be consolidating and revising for the question paper.</p>
Online Content	<p>The content currently being covered online will go towards evidence for Provisional Estimates.</p> <p>Design and expressive courses are taught concurrently. We have continued this approach during online learning. As a result pupils are asked to continue to work on design and expressive folio targets and complete one critical task per week.</p>

Higher Business Management	
Assessment Coverage	<p>The Assessments will cover all topics in the course.</p>
Course Completion	<p>The course is finished and we are currently consolidating and revising.</p> <p>The revision being issued now is relevant and should be completed in order to enable you to do the assessments.</p> <p>The weekly revision slides and questions are tailored to suit the assessments and the “test” questions should all be completed in order to ensure you will be comfortable with the topics assessed.</p>
New content taught online	<p>The Finance topics taught online will be in assessments however there will be targeted revision before you do any assessment.</p>

Higher Chemistry	
Higher Assessment Coverage	<p>All classes have completed the following units- Chemical Changes and Structure and Chemistry in Society. They are currently working on Nature's Chemistry.</p> <p>The first assessment will cover all topics up to and including Alcohols of the final unit which was 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.</p>
Course Completion	<p>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.</p> <p>The pupils, however, should already be undertaking preparation for assessments by undertaking revision involving past paper questions.</p>
Online Content	<p>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 in due course.</p>

Higher Computing Science	
S4 Assessment Coverage	<p>The Assessment will cover all topics in the Course Specification. Click here to view</p> <p>This includes Computer Systems, Software Design and Development, Web Design and Development and Database Design and Development.</p> <p>Computer Systems and Software Design and Development will be mandatory, and pupils have the choice of Database Design and Development OR Web Design and Development in the assessment.</p>
Course Completion	<p>It is estimated/planned that we will have completed the course by 19th February. Following this, we will be consolidating and revising.</p>
New content taught online	<p>The content currently being covered online will go towards evidence for Provisional Estimates</p> <p>The online content also includes revision in preparation for the assessments.</p>
Aspects of course that cannot be covered online	<p>Computing Assignment cannot be covered online. It is hoped to cover this and use as evidence when pupils return to school.</p>

	The Computer Assignment will cover Software Design and Development and either Database Design and Development OR Web Design and Development. This assessment will take 6 hours under supervised conditions
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Higher Design & Manufacture	
Assessment Coverage	<p>Higher Design & Manufacture will be assessed through a Question Paper (80 marks, 51%) and a Design Assignment which is set by the SQA (77 marks, 49%). Both of these elements will be internally marked this year. The grade awarded is based on the total marks achieved across both course assessment components.</p> <p>The course assessments will cover all topics up to and including week 16 in the Course Timeline. Please see the course Timeline here. 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.</p> <p>Pupils began their Design Assignment before the Christmas holiday. Most elements of this assignment can be completed at home with only the design modelling needing access to resources and/or computer software.</p>
Course Completion	We have finished 75% of the course and are currently working on the outstanding knowledge and understanding along with revising for the course exam.
Online Content	<p>The content currently being covered online is revision in preparation for the assessments.</p> <p>The work that the pupils are continuing to do at home on the Design Assignment will go towards evidence for Provisional Estimates.</p>
Aspects of course that cannot be covered online	The only part of the course Assignment that may not be able to be completed at home could be design modelling using card or possibly a computer CAD model. This will be done when the pupils return to school.

Higher Drama	
Higher Assessment Coverage	The Assessment will cover all topics in the course. There is a question paper that is worth 50% of the overall mark and then a performance exam which also constitutes 50%.
Course Completion	<p>The theoretical elements of the course are largely complete and the work you are carrying out during lockdown is in preparation for future written assessments. There are a few 'question types' for the final question paper yet to be covered.</p> <p>The practical element of the course is yet to be completed. You should be working at home, as directed by your teacher, to complete your PFP, learn lines and rehearse online with your group in preparation for future practical assessments.</p>
New content taught online	No new material has been taught online

Higher English	
Assessment Coverage	<p>Higher English will still be assessed using the usual components covered in a traditional exam:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reading for Understanding, Analysis and Evaluation (Close Reading) 90 minutes assessment under timed, supervised conditions. 2. Critical Essay & Scottish Set Text questions (these two tasks are allotted 90 minutes in a single sitting) <p>There is also a coursework component currently underway:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. One Folio Essay (1300 words, written independently with some teacher support on the choice of topic and first draft). <p>The Assessment will cover components 1 and 2. Please note that this will be dependent on the date we return to school.</p> <p>The deadline for the final submission of the Folio Essay will also be confirmed once we have a firm date for returning to school.</p> <p>We will update pupils through the Online Platforms.</p>
Course Completion	It is estimated/planned that we will have completed the course by early March. Following this, we will be consolidating and revising.

New content taught online	We are completing the study of Othello and the final poems of Carol Ann Duffy using enhanced online learning. This material will be thoroughly revised in class when we return to school.
Online Content	The online content is revision in preparation for the assessments

Higher 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 final topic Learning/Education will have been completed by the end of February. Following this, we will be consolidating, revising and preparing for formal assessments. Higher Orals have yet to be completed; this talking element will be carried out on our return to school.
New content taught online	The Learning/Education topic that we have been completing on line will be examined in the final Oral. The skills mentioned above will continue to be revised on our return to school.

Higher Geography	
Higher Assessment Coverage	The Assessment will cover all topics up to and including <u>Biosphere</u> . Please note that this will be dependent on the date we return to school. If our return date is later, <u>additional course content will need to be included</u> 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.
Online Content	The content currently being covered online will go towards evidence for Provisional Estimates as Biosphere will be included in the Assessment as previously planned.

Higher Graphic Communication	
Assessment Coverage	<p>Higher Graphic Communication will be assessed through a Question Paper (75 marks, 60%) and a Graphic Assignment which is set by SQA (50 marks, 40%). Both of these elements will be internally marked this year. The grade awarded is based on the total marks achieved across both course assessment components.</p> <p>The course assessments will cover all topics up to and including week 16 in the Course Timeline. Please see the course Timeline here. 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.</p> <p>Pupils will begin the Graphic Assignment after the February weekend. Some elements of this assignment can be completed at home, others require specialist software and therefore be completed when we return to school.</p>
Course Completion	We have finished the course and are currently consolidating and revising.
New content taught online	
Online Content	<p>The content currently being covered online is revision in preparation for the assessments.</p> <p>When pupils begin to work on the Graphic Assignment, this will go towards evidence for Provisional Estimates.</p>
Aspects of course that cannot be covered online	<p>As mentioned, due to the nature of the Graphic Communication course, the CAD (Computer Aided Design) element of the Assignment cannot be covered online as specialist software is required.</p> <p>It is likely that pupils will begin working on other aspects of the Assignment at home and will complete the CAD element when we return to school.</p>

HIGHER HISTORY	
Assessment Coverage	The Assessment will cover topics from all 3 units – The growth of Nationalism (Germany, 1815-1939). Britain, 1850-1951, Migration and Empire, 1830 - 1939
Course Completion	It is estimated that we will have completed the key elements of the course by mid-February. Following this, we will be consolidating and revising and preparing for our formal assessments. We may choose to cover one extra issue from our Britain topic, if the circumstances allow.
New content taught online	The last section of the Migration and Empire topic and the British topic on the reasons why the Liberals passed their reforms 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.

Higher Human Biology	
Higher Human Assessment Coverage	All of Unit 1 and 2. Unit 3 will be assessed separately 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 5 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.

Higher Italian	
Assessment Coverage	The Assessment will cover topics from the Contexts of Society. Learning, Employability and Culture. As Italian is a skills based subject, it is important to practise Reading, Writing, Listening and Talking.
Course Completion	We estimate that the topics will have been completed by the end of March. Following this, we will be consolidating, revising and preparing for formal assessments. Higher Orals have yet to be

	completed; this talking element will be carried out on our return to school.
New content taught online	The topics that we have been completing on line may be examined in the final Oral. The skills mentioned above will continue to be revised on our return to school.

HIGHER Mandarin	
Assessment Coverage	The Assessment will cover topics from the Contexts of Society, Learning, Employability and Culture. As Mandarin is a skills based subject, it is important to practise Reading, Writing, Listening and Talking.
Course Completion	We estimate that the final topic Learning/Education will have been completed by the end of February. Following this, we will be consolidating, revising and preparing for formal assessments. Higher Orals have already been completed.
New content taught online	The Learning/Education topic that we have been completing on line will be examined in the final Oral. The skills mentioned above will continue to be revised on our return to school.

Higher Mathematics	
S5/6 Assessment Coverage	Higher candidates have now covered all of the content included in the assessment. The Assessment will cover <u>up to and including Vectors</u> in the Course Timeline. Please note that this will be dependent on the date we return to school. If our return date is later, <u>additional course content will need to be included</u> 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. Following this, we will be consolidating and revising.
New content taught online	The new content taught online <u>up to Vectors only</u> is included in the assessment. Pupils will work on the circle, further calculus and potentially more depending on when we return to school. This will not be included in the assessment.

HIGHER MODERN STUDIES	
Assessment Coverage	The Assessment will cover topics from all 3 units and the source paper: World Power: USA Social Issues – Social inequality Democracy in the UK The source paper
Course Completion	It is estimated that we will have completed the key elements of the course by mid-February. Following this, we will be consolidating and revising and preparing for our formal assessments. We may choose to cover one extra issue from our Democracy in the UK topic, if the circumstances allow.
New content taught online	The Democracy in the UK topic that we started in class in December and that we have continued to study on line will be examined in our formal assessments on our return to school. These issues will be revised on our return to school.

Higher Music	
Higher Assessment Coverage	The Assessment will cover all topics in the course.
Course Completion	The listening part of the course was completed before Christmas. The revision booklet has everything you need to know. The performing assessment is the exact same as your performing prelim (which you sat in October) – same pieces!
New content taught online	No new material has been taught online

HIGHER PHOTOGRAPHY	
Assessment Coverage	The Assessment will cover all Final Project targets up to and including week beginning Monday 22 nd March in the Course Timeline. Please see the course Timeline here . Full course will be covered in the Assessment.
Course Completion	

	<p>Gathering of evidence for SQA estimates is still ongoing through individual practical photoshoot targets, digital folio research and photographic analysis assignments.</p> <p>It is estimated that we will have completed the course by 22/3/21, which is the final deadline for submission of images to send to print, followed by evaluations during this week.</p>
Online Content	<p>Evidence for course assessment is still being completed via remote learning. Revision of key areas of critical course assessment is targeted through set weekly assignments.</p> <p>The practical content currently being covered online will go towards evidence for Provisional Estimates.</p> <p>The online critical content is revision in preparation for the assessments.</p>
Aspects of course that cannot be covered online	<p>Candidates have been asked to adjust and amend their final projects as necessary so photoshoots can continue to take place during remote learning. DSLR cameras and tripods were signed out for use prior to Christmas break. Some candidates have moved to a combination of using the DSLR and photographing on their phones, this is being encouraged as good practice across the cohort.</p>

Higher Physical Education	
S4 Assessment Coverage	<p>Pupils have covered 75% of the course theory content in school. Pupils are currently working through the last 25% of the theory work online and will consolidate this learning on their return to school.</p> <p>Pupils will also carry out a practical performance (50% of overall mark) when they return to school. We do not have a final date for this 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.</p>
Course Completion	<p>The course content should be completed by the end of February.</p>
New content taught online	<p>The topic that is covered remotely will need to be assessed but only after we have ensured a good level of understanding.</p> <p>This last topic is very closely linked to another topic we have done so pupils already have a good understanding.</p>

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.
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Higher Physics	
Higher Assessment Coverage	<p>All classes have completed the following units – Our Dynamic Universe and Electricity. They are currently working on the final unit, Particles & Waves.</p> <p>The Assessment will cover all topics up to and including Forces on Charged Particles of the final unit. 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.</p>
Course Completion	<p>It is estimated that all the classes will have completed the course by the end of the first week in March. Once the course is completed, the classes will be consolidating and revising.</p> <p>The pupils, however, should already be undertaking revision, involving past paper questions, in preparation for assessments.</p>
New content taught online	<p>The classes are currently working through the remainder of the final unit; Nuclear Reactions, Inverse Square Law, Wave Particle Duality, Interference, Spectra and Refraction of Light.</p> <p>Although the new content being taught at present is not planned to be included in the first assessment, this will still be assessed. The date for future assessment will be confirmed in due course.</p>
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.

Higher RMPS	
Higher Assessment Coverage	All the content of the three units of the course were completed before Christmas therefore assessments will cover :

	<p>Unit 1 World Religions : Christianity.</p> <p>Unit 2 Morality, Medicine and the Human Body : Assisted Dying and Organ Donation.</p> <p>Unit 3 Religious and Philosophical Question : Origin of Humanity and Origin of the Universe.</p>
Course Completion	<p>We have finished the course and are currently consolidating and revising.</p> <p>Work will include essay writing focussing on the skills of the course – Knowledge and Understanding, Analysis and particularly Evaluation.</p>
Online Content	Online work will be revision and essay writing.

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 final topic Learning/Education will have been completed by the end of February. Following this, we will be consolidating, revising and preparing for formal assessments. Higher Orals have yet to be completed; this talking element will be carried out on our return to school.
New content taught online	The Learning/Education topic that we have been completing on line will be examined in the final Oral. The skills mentioned above will continue to be revised on our return to school.