

S4 National 5 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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NAT 5 Administration and IT	
S4 Assessment Coverage	The Assessment will cover all topics in the course.
Course Completion	<p>The course is finished and pupils are currently consolidating and revising.</p> <p>The tasks being set now are past papers and tasks should be attempted as they are issued.</p> <p>Also join the drop-in session which will take place once the past paper has been completed to discuss quality of answers and find out about common mistakes/errors.</p>
New content taught online	No new content has been taught on-line.

N5 Art & Design	
S4 Assessment Coverage	<p>The Assessment will cover all topics up to and including week 40 in the Course Timeline. Please see the course Timeline 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	It is planned that we will have completed the course by Friday the 2 nd of April. Following this, we will be consolidating and revising for the question paper.
Online Content	<p>The content currently being covered online will go towards evidence for Provisional Estimates.</p> <p>Pupils are asked complete one practical and one revision task per week.</p>

NAT 5 Biology	
S4 Assessment Coverage	All of Unit 1 and 2. There will be a separate Assessment on Unit 3. 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 <u>18th February</u> . 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.

NAT 5 Business Management	
S4 Assessment Coverage	The Assessment will cover all topics in the course.
Course Completion	<p>The course is finished and are currently consolidating and revising.</p> <p>The revision you are being issued with now is relevant and should be completed in order to enable you to do the assessment.</p> <p>Also join weekly the drop-in session to discuss quality of answers and find out about common mistakes/errors.</p>
New content taught online	Some of the HR material covered in the first 2 weeks of January will be in assessments you undertake. Again this will be revised, questions set and feedback given before you do any assessment.

Nat 5 Chemistry	
S4 First assessment Coverage	<p>All of Unit 1 and 2 as well as Unit 3 up to and including Fertilisers, Haber and Ostwald process. This work was completed in class prior to the Christmas holiday.</p> <p>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>We have now finished the course and are currently consolidating and revising.</p> <p>The pupils, however, should already be undertaking preparation for assessments by undertaking revision involving past paper questions</p>
New content taught online	Although the new content taught online is not planned to be included in the first assessment, this will still be assessed later after the first assessment has taken place. The date for this future assessment will be confirmed in due course.

S4 NAT 5 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>All topics will be covered in the Assessment.</p>
Course Completion	We have finished the course and are currently consolidating and revising.
Online Content	The online content is revision in preparation for the assessments
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> <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</p>

NAT 5 Dance	
S4 Assessment Coverage	<p>Pupils have completed Section 1, 2 and 3 of the written exam. This coursework covers everything they could be presented with in an exam. This written aspect of the course will be assessed when we return to school and pupils have consolidated their learning (date tbc).</p> <p>Pupils are completing weekly tasks to maintain their knowledge of each section. SQA past papers have been used as a revision resource, completed under timed conditions. They have been able to identify areas of weakness and can access further support and revision resources online.</p> <p>They also must maintain their practical performance. They can choose between Jazz and Contemporary dance to be assessed in. Both routines have been taught and developed since September 2020. Pupils can access dance workshops every two weeks online, allowing them to practice and receive feedback from their teacher.</p> <p>Pupils are creating their own choreography work. I have documented this process through video footage in class since October 2020 and collected written work. As this is a group task, pupils have had significantly less time to rehearse and develop this section of work. I have asked them to continue to work on their ideas, however they will not have a physical rehearsal until we return to school. This aspect will not be assessed until the final exam.</p> <p>Pupils must also submit a Choreography review. They will begin their first draft of this essay W/B 1st Feb. This will be taught via weekly google meets</p>

	<p>with their teacher. Each submission will receive detailed written feedback, before constructing their final draft.</p> <p>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	The Choreography Review will be completed by the end of March. At this stage, pupils will then consolidate their learning. They will continue revision until assessments.
New content taught online	<p>The first assessment will include all components except the choreography performance. Pupils have had access and knowledge of these components prior to distance learning.</p> <p>The second assessments will include all components, once pupils have received adequate rehearsal time.</p> <p>We will confirm these dates in due course.</p>
Aspects of course that cannot be covered online	<p>The set dance performance, although being monitored online, cannot be developed in the same way.</p> <p>As mentioned above, the group choreography also cannot be covered online.</p> <p>For both of these aspects, pupils will receive extra support when we return to school.</p> <p>If possible, lunchtime and afterschool sessions will be provided.</p>

NAT 5 Design & Manufacture	
S4 Assessment Coverage	<p>National 5 Design & Manufacture will be assessed through a Question Paper (46%) and Course Assignment which is divided into Design (29%) & Practical (25%).</p> <p>The question paper will cover the full course which includes all topics up to and including week 18 in the Course Timeline (end of December). 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>All National 5 pupils have been working on the Design element of the Course Assignment since December. Pupils are continuing to work on this at home. All evidence is being submitted to class teachers on a weekly basis by</p>

	<p>uploading images of work. The physical evidence of this work will be collated when we return to school.</p> <p>The Practical element of the Assignment will be completed when we return to school and have access to the workshops.</p>
Course Completion	We have covered all course content for the Question Paper and are currently consolidating and revising.
Online Content	<p>The Assignment content currently being covered online will go towards evidence for Provisional Estimates</p> <p>Other online content is revision in preparation for the assessments.</p>
Aspects of course that cannot be covered online	As mentioned, due to the nature of the Design & Manufacture course, the Practical element of the Assignment cannot be covered online. Pupils are currently working on the Design element and will be in a position to enter the workshop to begin manufacturing their project when we return to school.

NAT 5 Drama	
S4 Assessment Coverage	The Assessment will cover all topics in the course.
Course Completion	<p>The theoretical elements of the course are complete and the work you are carrying out during lockdown is preparation for future written assessments.</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, completed your technical folio or learn lines in preparation for future practical assessments.</p>
New content taught online	No new material has been taught online

NAT 5 Engineering Science	
S4 Assessment Coverage	<p>National 5 Engineering Science will be assessed through a Question Paper (69%) and Course Assignment (31%).</p> <p>The question paper will cover the full course which includes all topics up to and including week 18 in the Course Timeline (end of December). 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 have been working on their Course Assignment preparation and Question Paper revision since December. Pupils are continuing to work on this at home.</p> <p>Some Course Assignment tasks will be done when we return to school and have access to resources within the department.</p>
Course Completion	We have covered all course content for the Question Paper and are currently consolidating and revising.
Online Content	<p>The Concert Venue Assignment tasks currently being covered online will go towards evidence for Provisional Estimates.</p> <p>Other online content is revision in preparation for the Question Paper assessments.</p>
Aspects of course that cannot be covered online	Due to the practical nature of some course elements, the mechanisms and pneumatics components of the Assignment cannot be covered online. Pupils will complete these tasks when we return to school.

NAT 5 English	
S4 Assessment Coverage	<p>National 5 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) 60 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 (1000 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 Macbeth and the final poems of Edwin Morgan 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
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NAT 5 Fashion and Textile Technology	
S4 Assessment Coverage	<p>All the coursework topics have been covered which will be included in the Question Paper Assessment.</p> <p>On return to school pupils will also have</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A practical assessment making a fashion/textile item. The assessment for this has been ongoing in school. Pupils have almost completed their item. • An assignment, where pupils will follow a design brief to design and evaluate a fashion/textile item (Pupils will not be required to make the item)
Course Completion	<p>The practical activity, will be completed on our return to school.</p> <p>We have covered all the course content and are currently consolidating and revising knowledge and skills in preparation for the Q.P and assignment.</p>
New content taught online	Lesson content online is designed to consolidate and revise, subject knowledge and skills in preparation for course assessment

NAT 5 French	
S4 Assessment Coverage	The Assessment may cover topics from S3 & S4. As French is a skills based subject, it is important to practise Reading, Writing and Listening.
Course Completion	We estimate that the last 2 topics of Employability and Learning/Education will have been completed by the end of February. Following this, we will be consolidating, revising and preparing for formal assessments. Most N5 Orals have already been completed and those pupils who have still to do the talking element will carry this out on our return to school
New content taught online	The Employability topic that we have been completing on line may be included in one of the formal assessments on our return to school. It is also examined in the Writing (Job Application). The skills mentioned above will continue to be revised on our return to school.

NAT 5 Geography	
S4 Assessment Coverage	<p>The Assessment will cover all topics up to and including <u>Rural</u>. Population will be assessed at a later date. Please note that this will be dependent on the date we return to school.</p> <p>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.</p>
Course Completion	It is estimated/planned that we will have completed the course by <u>26th February</u> . 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.

NAT 5 Graphic Communication	
S4 Assessment Coverage	<p>National 5 Graphic Communication will be assessed through a Question Paper (62%) and Course Assignment (38%).</p> <p>The question paper will cover the full course which includes all topics up to and including week 18 in the Course Timeline (end of December). 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>All National 5 pupils have been working on their Course Assignment preparation and exam revision since December. Pupils are continuing to work on this at home. All evidence is being submitted to class teachers on a weekly basis by uploading images of work. The physical evidence of this work will be collated when we return to school.</p> <p>The course Assignment will be done when we return to school and have access to the department computers with relevant CAD and DTP software.</p>
Course Completion	We have covered all course content for the Question Paper and are currently consolidating and revising.
Online Content	<p>The Assignment practise currently being covered online will help prepare the pupils for the upcoming Assignment and Question Paper.</p> <p>Other online content is revision in preparation for the assessments.</p>
Aspects of course that cannot be covered online	As mentioned, due to the nature of the Graphic Communication course, the CAD and DTP elements of the Assignment cannot be covered online. Pupils

	are currently working on their revision and will be in a position to begin their Assignment when we return to school.
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NAT 5 HISTORY	
S4 Assessment Coverage	The Assessment will cover topics from all 3 units – Free at Last, Migration and Empire and The Atlantic Slave Trade.
Course Completion	It is estimated that we will have completed the course by mid-February. Following this, we will be consolidating, revising and preparing for our formal assessments.
New content taught online	The last section of the Atlantic Slave Trade unit (the end of the slave trade) that we have been completing on line may be examined in one of our formal assessments on our return to school. This topic will be revised on our return to school.

N5 Mandarin	
S4 Assessment Coverage	The Assessment may cover topics from S3 & S4. As Mandarin is a skills based subject, it is important to practise Reading, Writing and Listening.
Course Completion	All topics have been completed therefore we will be consolidating, revising and preparing for formal assessments. All N5 Orals have already been completed.
New content taught online	The Employability topic is examined in the Writing (Job Application). The skills mentioned above will continue to be revised on our return to school.

N5 Mathematics	
S4 Assessment Coverage	<p>S4 have covered all of Unit 1 and 2 and only have one topic left to cover in Unit 3 (trig graphs and equations).</p> <p>The Assessment will cover all topics up to and including Quadratics 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.</p>

Course Completion	It is estimated/planned that we will have completed the course by the end of February. Following this, we will be consolidating and revising.
New content taught online	We will be teaching the final topic, trig graphs and equations online in the month of February. Although the new content 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.

NAT 5 MODERN STUDIES	
S4 Assessment Coverage	The Assessment will cover topics from all 3 units – World Power: USA, Crime and the Law and Democracy in Scotland.
Course Completion	It is estimated that we will have completed the course by mid-February. Following this, we will be consolidating, revising and preparing for our formal assessments.
New content taught online	The last sections of the Democracy in Scotland unit that we have been 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.

NAT 5 Music	
S4 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 September) – same pieces!
New content taught online	No new material has been taught online

NAT 5 Physical Education	
S4 Assessment Coverage	Pupils have completed section 2 of the portfolio in school. They have also been taught section 1 and this will be completed under exam conditions when pupils return to school (date tbc).

	<p>Pupils are currently working on section 3 of the portfolio through a combination of voice over lessons from teachers and weekly Google Meets with their teacher. Section 3 will be written up, with pupil notes, on a continuous basis on our 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	We will have finished teaching section 3 by the end of February (approx.) and pupils will then consolidate their learning and write up notes in preparation for their portfolio write up on their return to school.
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 in due course.
Online Content	The content currently being covered online will go towards evidence for provisional estimates when it is consolidated and written up in class.
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.

S4 Nat 5 Physics	
S4 Assessment Coverage	<p>All classes have completed the following units - Waves & Radiation and Dynamics & Space. They are currently working on the final unit, Energy & Electricity.</p> <p>The Assessment will cover all topics up to and including Transistor Circuits 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 mid-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	The classes are currently working through the remainder of the final unit; Electrical Power, Heat and Kinetic Theory.

	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.
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.

NAT 5 Practical Cookery	
S4 Assessment Coverage	All the coursework topics have been covered which will be included in the Question Paper Assessment. On return to school there will also be <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A practical assessment making 2 dishes and • An assignment involving writing a time plan, serving details and an equipment list for making 3 dishes (Pupils will not be required to make these dishes)
Course Completion	We have finished the course and are currently consolidating and revising for the Q.P and Assignment. Pupils should continue to practice practical skills at home. Using recipes posted and SQA past assignments
New content taught online	Lesson content online is designed to consolidate and revise, subject knowledge and skills in preparation for course assessment

S4 NAT 5 Practical Woodwork	
S4 Assessment Coverage	The Assessment will cover all topics up to and including week 18 in the Course Timeline. Please see the course Timeline here . 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. Full course will be covered in the Assessment. The course covered a variety of skills exercises including various jointing and wood turning exercises. Projects completed included a mitred picture frame

	<p>and ipad stand. Log books have been completed to approximately 75% for most pupils. Classroom research, demonstrations and homework exercises were designed to develop knowledge and understanding of the course. The course project, mirror frame and drawer unit, which is 55% of the course was just started, about 1 week, and will require approximately 18 weeks to complete.</p> <p>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>The final project was started on December 15th and was planned to have been completed at the Easter break 1st April.</p> <p>This course can only be completed when we return to school at which point the course completion date will be reviewed.</p>
Aspects of course that cannot be covered online	<p>As all practical work can only be done in the school workshops all online exercises are designed to develop knowledge and understanding for the Log Book completion and the final exam.</p>

NAT 5 Spanish	
S4 Assessment Coverage	<p>The Assessment may cover topics from S3 & S4. As Spanish is a skills based subject, it is important to practise Reading, Writing and Listening.</p>
Course Completion	<p>All topics have been completed therefore we will be consolidating, revising and preparing for formal assessments. Some N5 Orals have already been completed and those pupils who have still to do the talking element will carry this out on our return to school.</p>
New content taught online	<p>The Employability topic is examined in the Writing (Job Application). The skills mentioned above will continue to be revised on our return to school.</p>