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Dear Parent/Carers

**Updates to 2025 National Qualifications Exam timetable**

Since publishing the 2025 exam timetable – which was compressed in response to feedback from partners to allow for the late Easter holidays this year – SQA have listened to and shared concerns raised by centres, learners, parents and carers regarding the impact on exam workload.

As a result, SQA made changes to the 2025 exam timetable. They have added an extra day which means exams will now start on Friday 25 April. The end date of Monday 2 June remains unchanged. The updated timetable is available now on [Connect](#) and on [the SQA website](#).

It's clear that many of you have concerns about the **timetabling of some exams** and the impact upon your child. SQA discussed these concerns with the Scottish Government as well as representatives of school leaders and local authorities and have collectively agreed changes that reduce the number of coincident exams and situations where learners are due to sit exams for two subjects in one day.

**Adding the extra day** onto the schedule, should also help to reduce logistical challenges, including assessment arrangements for pupils who require additional support.

Please be **aware of the updated timetable** if your child is studying the following subjects:-

**Change of exam day**

- Accounting – all levels
- Classical Studies – all levels
- Computing Science – all levels
- Dance – all levels
- Engineering science – all levels
- ESOL - Higher
- French – all levels
- German - Higher
- Media - Higher
- Modern Studies – all levels
- Nuadh-eòlas – all levels
- Practical Metalworking National 5
- Practical Woodworking – National 5
- Psychology – all levels

## Change of exam time

- Biology – National 5
- Cantonese (Listening) – Higher
- Cantonese (Listening and Discursive Writing) – Advanced Higher
- Care – National 5 and Higher
- Fashion and Textile Technology – National 5 and Higher
- Mandarin Simplified and Traditional (Listening) – Higher
- Mandarin Simplified and Traditional (Listening and Discursive Writing) – Advanced Higher
- RMPS – National 5
- Urdu – Higher

The **MyExams app** is also being updated. When this is complete SQA will provide instruction for your child – using social media and SQA News – on how to update their MyStudyPlan app.

Please **use the updated timetable now** available on [Connect](#) and on [the SQA website](#) for planning purposes and delete any previous copies of the 2025 exam timetable you may have printed or downloaded.

While the new timetable does decrease the number of learners impacted by scheduling issues, the changes will mean that some learners will have consecutive exams, that they didn't previously have.

While the SQA acknowledge that changing the exam timetable at this stage of the session is challenging for everyone involved, the updated timetable now offers the best compromise.

As you know your first point of call for any issue's related to your child(ren)'s learning is their school.

I will be in touch again if there are any further updates.

Yours sincerely

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