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Dear Parent/Carer

As we come to the end of this term I would like to highlight a number of events which have been designed to help support our pupils in S4 – S6.

A number of subjects are continuing to offer after-school Supported Study sessions until the Spring break; an updated version of this timetable is available on our new school website <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/ndhs/>. During the two-week Easter break, staff are offering the girls the opportunity to attend focused revision classes in preparation for examinations. The timetable is attached and pupils have been asked to return their permission slip by **Wednesday 22 March, identifying each session they will attend**. This is an excellent opportunity for your daughter to enhance her knowledge and skills and I am looking for your support in encouraging her to attend as many of these sessions as possible.

This year's SQA examination timetable begins on **Wednesday 3 May** and therefore all pupils will attend classes until Friday 28 April (inclusive). Pupils in S5 and S6 are given full exam leave and pupils in S4 will benefit from a combination of Study Leave and additional supports during the examination period as follows;

- S4 pupils studying **5 or more** National 5 qualifications will receive full study leave
- S4 pupils studying **less than five** National 5 qualifications should attend school during the examination period, benefiting from an exciting programme which includes S5 course preparation, employability, workplace experience and health and wellbeing. These pupils will receive study leave on the day before each exam.

In summary;

S6 pupils: Last day in school, Friday 28 April

S5 pupils: Last day in school, Friday 28 April

Return date as S6 pupils, Monday 5 June

S4 pupils: Last day in school, Friday 28 April

Study Leave arrangements – dependent on number of National 5 examinations - *see note above

Return date as S5 pupils, Monday 5 June

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In preparation for examinations, pupils in S4/5 will have the opportunity to gather as year groups for Mass and these will be arranged during the school day.

As always, S6 will complete their secondary school experience with Mass on their last day, followed by a lunchtime celebration and awards ceremony.

I hope that you will encourage your daughter to attend as many of these opportunities as possible. If there is anything else we can do to support her, please feel free to contact me at the number above.

On behalf of all the staff, can I take this opportunity to wish the girls the very best of luck in their forthcoming examinations.

Yours sincerely



R Martin

Headteacher

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