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Dear Parent/Carer

The SQA recently published guidance, informing schools that a package of support services – including some help for learners with exam revision – will be available for learners who are taking National 5, Higher, and Advanced Higher courses in 2022.

This is on top of the significant modifications the SQA made to the course assessments at the start of session 2021-22 to help reduce the volume of assessment and ease the workload of learners.

The support differs between subjects and will be published by the SQA from the 7th of March. More information about what support will be available for each subject area can be viewed here- <https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/100366.html>

There is also a range of options available to support learners in preparation of final examinations. In terms of in school support, regular attendance in class is the single most effective way of being as prepared as possible. As well as covering the required content, teachers will cover exam technique in detail. In many subjects, internal elements of qualifications also count towards the final award.

The school offers a comprehensive supported study programme on top of this. Weekly schedules are shared on year-group Teams pages and daily updates are shared on the school's Twitter account and the tannoy system.

There is also a huge range of support available online that is tailored to the Scottish curriculum. eSgoil is a 'nationwide community for online teaching and learning'. Evening sessions usually begin around 5pm with sessions covering all subjects. These sessions take place live and have a question-and-answer function. Daily details of sessions can be found on the school's Twitter account or at <https://e-sgoil.com/study-support/>.

West OS is 'is an online school, created by teachers, providing recorded learning experiences for children and young people'. These recorded lessons can be viewed as many times as required. West OS is also now offering live options which can be signed up for here: <https://t.co/5HRxevKIKG>.

Following the Evidence Gathering process, all S5 and S6 pupils have been offered a one-to-one meeting with a member of staff to discuss each pupil's current situation in terms of

attainment. More importantly, these meetings are focussed on what can be done to improve for the final examinations.

Finally, DHT family drop-in sessions are also available on Teams on the dates below. This is an opportunity for you to ask your child's head of year any questions you might have in the run up to the exam period.

S5 Drop-in dates: March 23rd, April 20th, May 25th, June 15th

S6 Drop-in dates: February 24th, March 17th, April 28th, May 19th

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