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Dear Parent/Carer,

We recently contacted to let you know that the SQA were publishing significant modifications to the course assessments. These subject-specific supports have now been published and can be found here: <https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/100366.html>.

These supports been designed to help reduce the volume of assessment and ease the workload of learners working at National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher levels. Teachers will be discussing these amendments with classes over the coming weeks.

There continues to be 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. An Easter Revision timetable will also be announced in the coming weeks. In light of pupil feedback, general revision areas will be provided as well as subject-specific support. Snacks and other refreshments will be available.

As well as this academic support, Mrs McLennan has put together a daily wellbeing support programme. Details of this support can be found on the S5 and S6 Teams pages.

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>.

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: March 17th, April 28th, May 19th

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