

S4 Year Group

Time	Input	Presenter	Location
6pm	S4: Ready for the Challenge (Overview of Year, Expectations, Key Dates)	Mrs Farrell S4 Year Head	Social Area (<i>seating</i>)
6.15pm	Pathways in Mathematics From Level 3 to Level 7, including Numeracy	Miss Martin PT Maths	Social Area (<i>seating</i>)
6.20pm	Study Skills How to access our Study Skills sessions on Teams	Mr Houston PT Raising Attainment	Social Area (<i>seating</i>)
6.30pm	Routes to College and University Key Information and Advice for post-school transition	Jackie O'Hare & Evonne McHendry Careers Advisors	Social Area (<i>seating</i>)
6.40pm	Optional Information Stalls Bright Red Publishing, Financial Inclusion Support Officer, Young Carers, Pastoral Care, EAL, Support for Learning, Developing the Young Workforce, Work Experience, Skills Development Scotland	Various	Social Area (<i>standing area</i>)
6.55pm	End of Event/ Exit Building (S5 and S6 begins 7pm)		

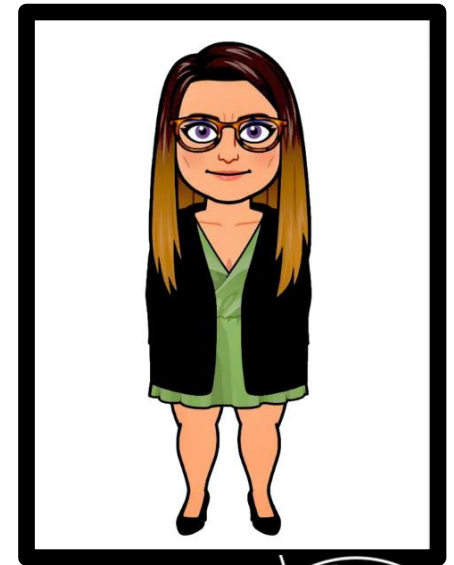
Senior Phase Information Evening

S4: Ready For the Challenge

7th September 2023

6pm – 6.55pm

- ▶ Laura Farrell
- ▶ DHT and S4 Year Head
- ▶ X @MrsFarrellDHT






Senior Phase Information Evening

1. Recent STA Attainment
2. Senior Phase Standards and Expectations
3. National Qualifications
4. SQA Presentation Levels
5. Key dates
6. Positive Destinations
7. Next Steps



1. STA Attainment 22/23

By the end of S₄, no. of pupils achieving:

 N3	5+ Award @ SCQF Level 3 or better	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23
		92%	90%	98%	95%	99%
 N4	5+ Awards @ SCQF Level 4 or better	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	22/23
		82%	79%	89%	82%	92%
 N5	5+ Awards @ SCQF Level 5 or better	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	22/23
		45%	44%	47%	50%	44.3%

1. STA Attainment

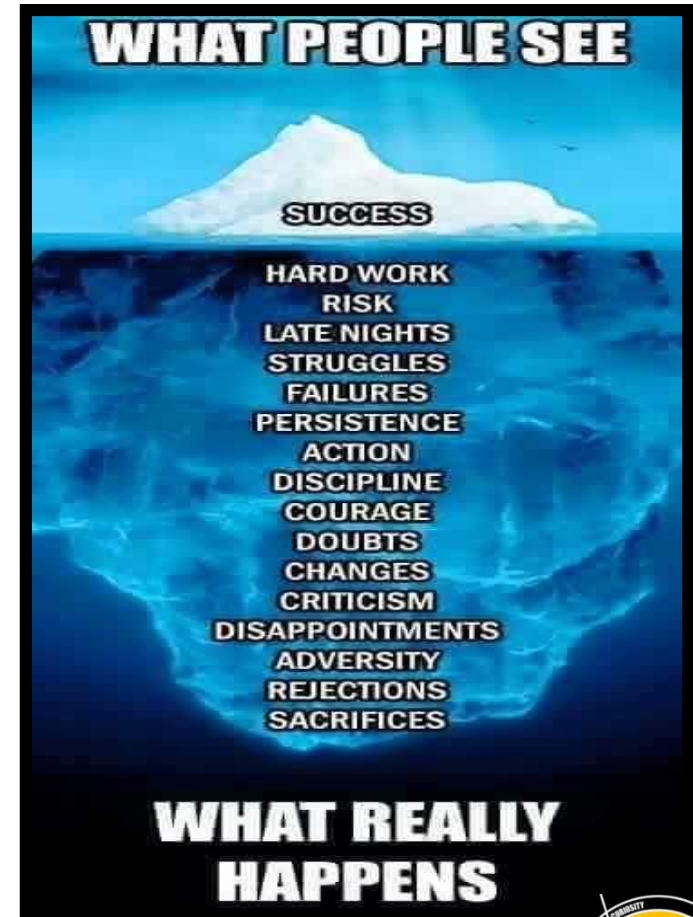
- ✓ High Expectations and Standards
- ✓ High Quality of Learning & Teaching
- ✓ Rigorous Monitoring and Tracking of pupil Progress
- ✓ Student Support Programme



2. Standards and Expectations

YOUNG PEOPLE

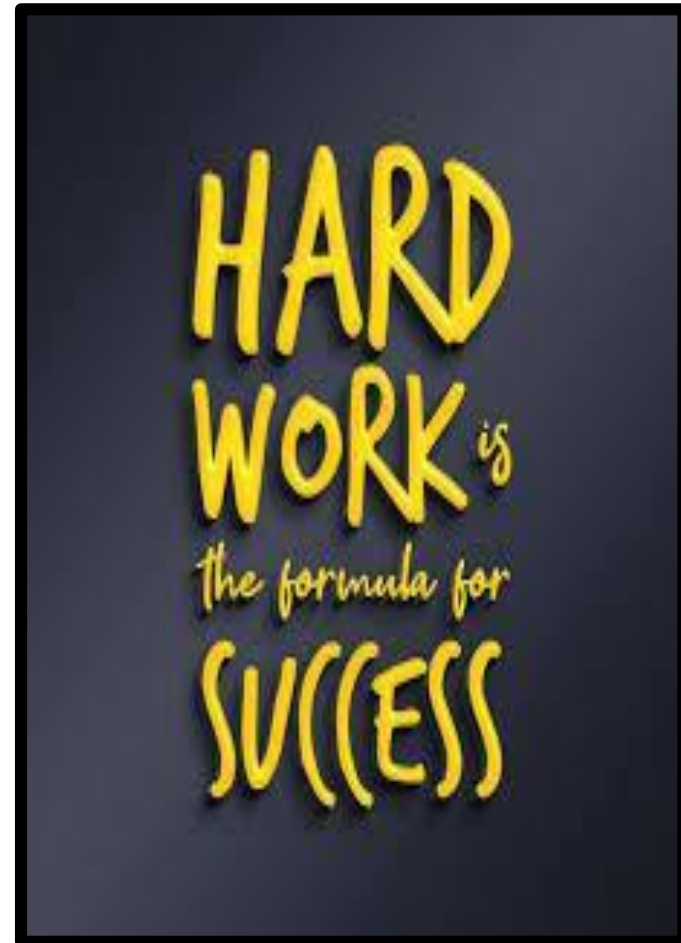
- ✓ Attendance
- ✓ Timekeeping
- ✓ Effort
- ✓ Attitude
- ✓ Behaviour
- ✓ Uniform
- ✓ Active participation



2. Standards and Expectations

SCHOOL & STAFF

- ✓ Informal Supported Study
- ✓ Formal Supported Study Programme
- ✓ Universal and Targeted Study Skills Workshops
- ✓ Targeted HWB groups (e.g. Coping with Exam Stress Workshops)
- ✓ Study Space and Snacks in the Library
- ✓ Easter School
- ✓ Class teacher, Subject Principal, Pastoral Care Teacher and Year Head



2. Standards and Expectations PARENTS / CARERS

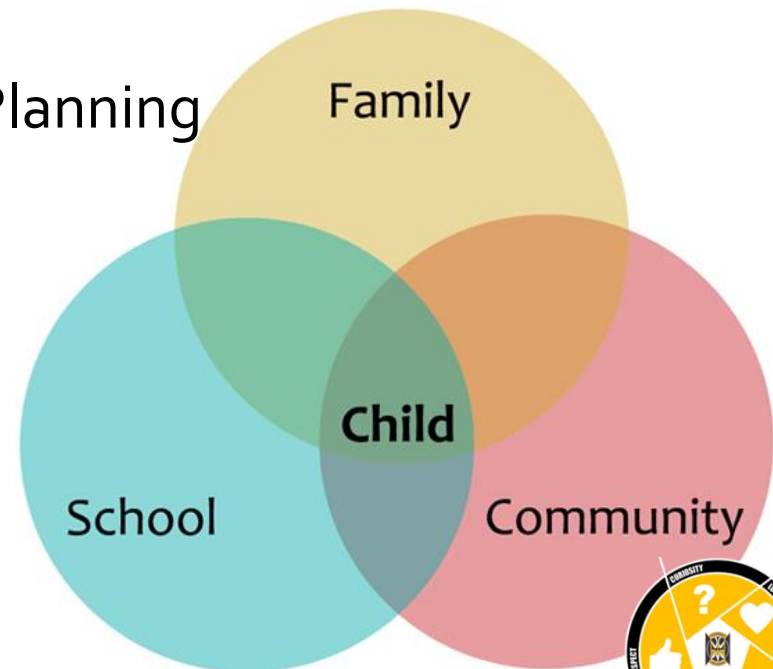
- ✓ We are keen to work closely with you as partners
- ✓ Your child will find this session challenging
- ✓ Help them to grow in resilience
- ✓ They may struggle with their workload
- ✓ Your support will make the difference



2. Standards and Expectations

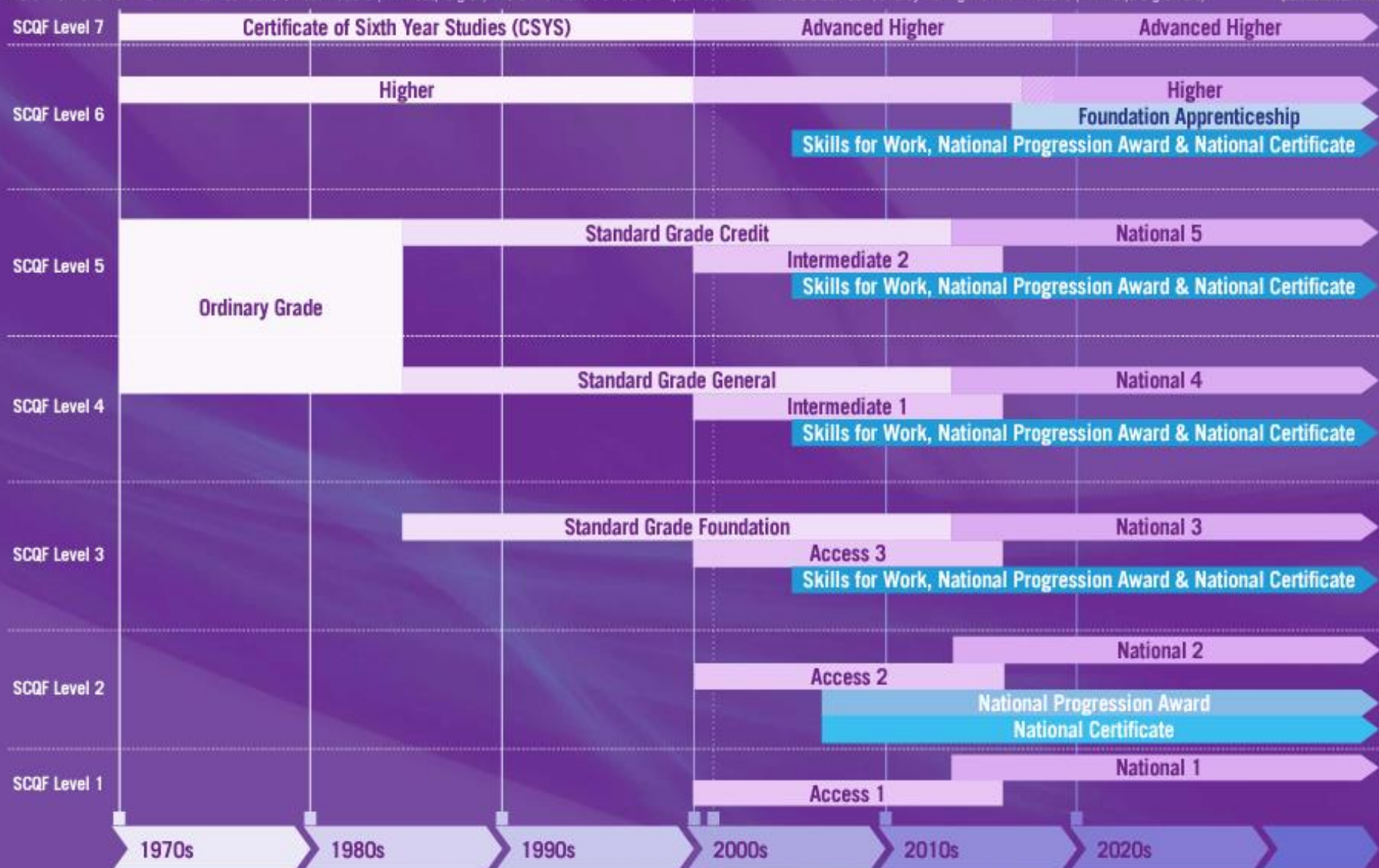
PARENTS / CARERS

- ✓ Supporting STA's High Standards and Expectations
- ✓ Monitoring homework, coursework and assessments
- ✓ Time Management & Study Planning
- ✓ Study Environment
- ✓ Routine
- ✓ Resilience
- ✓ Health & well-being



SCOTTISH NATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS - SCQF LEVELS AND TIMELINES

This table shows how current and old qualifications relate to one another in terms of their SCQF level. The SCQF level of a qualification provides a way of comparing how demanding or difficult the learning involved in achieving a qualification is. This table can be used by anybody with a need to understand National Qualifications (normally awarded at school), for example employers when recruiting. More information on the SCQF can be found on our website (www.scqf.org.uk). More information on current qualifications in the table can be found by visiting the SQA website (www.sqa.org.uk/cfe).



2001: Creation of Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework. All levels are approximate for qualifications delivered prior to this date.

QUALIFICATIONS – KEY INFORMATION

QUALIFICATION	
Advanced Higher	This qualification was introduced as part of the “Higher Still “ reform. It is at SCQF level 7 and is awarded on the Scottish Qualifications Certificate by the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) (www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/58062.html).
Certificate of Sixth Year Studies (CSYS)	The CSYS predates the SCQF and is estimated to have been at SCQF level 7. The qualification was awarded from 1970 until 1999 on a separate certificate called the Certificate of Sixth Year Studies by the Scottish Examination Board (SEB). From 2000 to 2002 it was awarded on the Scottish Qualifications Certificate (SQC) by the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA). It was replaced by Advanced Higher between 2000 and 2002.
Higher	The Higher has been awarded for over 100 years. During that time it has undergone a number of reforms. It has always had the purpose of providing qualifications for progression to Higher Education or employment. SCQF level 6 is the standard level for progression to HE. From 1963 to 1982 it was awarded on the Scottish Certificate of Education (SCE) by the Scottish Certificate of Education Examination Board (SCEEB), which later became the Scottish Examination Board (SEB). Since 2000, it has been awarded on the Scottish Qualifications Certificate (SQC) by the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA). (www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/58062.html).
Ordinary Grade (O Grade)	The O Grade was awarded from 1962 until 1990. It predates the SCQF and is estimated to have been at SCQF levels 4 and 5. It was awarded on the Scottish Certificate of Education (SCE) by the Scottish Certificate of Education Examination Board (SCEEB), which later became the Scottish Examination Board (SEB). It was gradually replaced by Standard Grade from 1986.
Standard Grade	Standard Grade was introduced over a number of years from 1984 – different subjects were introduced in different years. It is awarded at three levels – Credit (SCQF level 5), General (SCQF level 4) and Foundation (SCQF level 3). It was awarded on the Scottish Certificate of Education (SCE) by the Scottish Examination Board (SEB). Since 2000 it has been awarded on the Scottish Qualifications Certificate (SQC) by the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA). It has been replaced by National Qualifications at SCQF levels 3, 4 and 5.
Intermediate 1 & 2	These qualifications were introduced as part of the “Higher Still” reform. Intermediate 1 and 2 are at SCQF levels 4 and 5 respectively. They were awarded on the Scottish Qualifications Certificate (SQC) by the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA). They have been replaced by National Qualifications at levels 4 and 5.
Access 1, 2 & 3	These qualifications were introduced as part of the “Higher Still” reforms. Access qualifications are at SCQF levels 1, 2 and 3. They were awarded on the Scottish Qualifications Certificate (SQC) by the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA). They have been replaced by National Qualifications at levels 1, 2 and 3.
National 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5	National Qualifications were introduced as part of Curriculum for Excellence and have been awarded on the Scottish Qualifications Certificate (SQC) by the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) since 2014 (www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/58062.html).
National Progression Award (NPA)	NPAs are at SCQF Levels 2-6 and are delivered in partnership between schools, colleges, employers and training providers. They’re aimed at assessing a defined set of skills and knowledge in specialist vocational areas, linking to National Occupational Standards, which are the basis of SVQs.
Skills for Work (SfW)	Available from 2005, Skills for Work courses are designed to introduce learners to the demands and expectations of the world of work. The courses at SCQF levels 3-6 offer learners opportunities to learn these skills through a variety of practical experiences that are linked to vocational areas. Learners may spend some of their time at a local college, training provider or employer.
Foundation Apprenticeship	Foundation Apprenticeships (FA) at SCQF level 6 were first introduced in 2014. They provide work-based learning opportunities for secondary school pupils making their senior phase subject choices. FAs were designed and developed with industry, Skills Development Scotland and Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA), and are aligned to key sectors of the economy with current skills shortages and projected future jobs growth. The FA programme is delivered through partnerships between schools, a local college or learning provider, and local employers.
National Certificates	National Certificates prepare people for employment, career development or progression to more advanced study at HNC/HND level. They also develop transferable knowledge including Core Skills. These certificates are aimed at 16-18 year olds or adults in full-time education and are at SCQF Levels 2-6. https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/46552.html

THE SCOTTISH CREDIT AND QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK

This Framework diagram has been produced to show the mainstream Scottish qualifications already credit rated by SQA and HEIs. However, there are a diverse number of learning programmes on the Framework, which, due to the limitations of this format, cannot be represented here. For more information, please visit the SCQF website at www.scqf.org.uk to view the interactive version of the Framework or search the Database.

SCQF Levels	SQA Qualifications			Qualifications of Higher Education Institutions	Apprenticeships & SVQs
12				Doctoral Degree	Professional Apprenticeship
11				Masters Degree, Integrated Masters Degree, Post Graduate Diploma, Post Graduate Certificate	Graduate Apprenticeship Professional Apprenticeship SVQ
10				Honours Degree, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate	Graduate Apprenticeship Professional Apprenticeship
9			Professional Development Award	Bachelors / Ordinary Degree, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate	Graduate Apprenticeship Technical Apprenticeship SVQ
8		Higher National Diploma		Diploma Of Higher Education	Higher Apprenticeship Technical Apprenticeship SVQ
7	Advanced Higher, Awards, Scottish Baccalaureate	Higher National Certificate		Certificate Of Higher Education	Modern Apprenticeship SVQ
6	Higher, Awards, Skills for Work Higher				Modern Apprenticeship Foundation Apprenticeship SVQ
5	National 5, Awards, Skills for Work National 5				Modern Apprenticeship SVQ
4	National 4, Awards, Skills for Work National 4	National Certificate	National Progression Award		SVQ
3	National 3, Awards, Skills for Work National 3				
2	National 2, Awards				
1	National 1, Awards				

National 3



- ✓ Internally Assessed
- ✓ SCQF Level 3
- ✓ Pass or Fail
- ✓ Progression to N4 or Level 4



National 4



- ✓ Internally Assessed (AVU)
- ✓ SCQF Level 4
- ✓ Pass or Fail
- ✓ Progression to N5 or L5



National 5



- ✓ External Exam
- ✓ SCQF Level 5
- ✓ Graded A - D
- ✓ Progression to L5 or H
(A or B pass)



4. SQA Presentation Levels

- ✓ BGE Exit Levels
- ✓ Performance in assessments, homework
- ✓ Attendance and time-keeping
- ✓ Numerous tracking points throughout the year
- ✓ Monitored rigorously and discussions / interventions between class teachers, principal teachers, young people and parents / carers
- ✓ Levels and level changes – trust us!

Best attainment in first sitting!



5. Key Dates



STA: Senior Phase Key Dates

2023 – 2024

Dates	Event	Progress Update	Senior Phase Year Group
TERM 1			
07.09.23	Senior Phase Information Evening		S4, S5, S6
14.09.23	Senior Phase Awards Ceremony		S5, S6
18.09.23	Study Skills Support for Parents and Carers: 6pm-6.30pm on Teams		S5, S6
27.09.23	Study Skills Support for Parents and Carers: 6pm-6.30pm on Teams		S4
01.11.23	Tracking Report 1 issued	✓1	S4, S5, S6
16.10.23	October Week College Application Support commences		S4, S5, S6
TERM 2			
06.11.23	Formal Universal Study Support Block 1 commences		S4, S5, S6
08.11.23	S5/6 Progress and Achievement Evening 1	✓2	S5,6
16.11.23	S4 Progress and Achievement Evening 1	✓2	S4
04.12.23	Interim Assessments Commence		S4, S5, S6
20.12.23	Interim Assessments Conclude		S4, S5, S6
TERM 3			
08.01.24	Staff Moderation of Interim Assessments Commence		S4, S5, S6
17.01.24	Staff Moderation of Interim Assessments Conclude		S4, S5, S6
24.01.24	Interim Assessment Results Issued	✓3	S4, S5, S6
25.01.24	Post-Interim Assessment Results Interventions begin		S4, S5, S6
07.02.24	S4 Progress and Achievement Evening 2	✓4	S4
21.02.24	S5/6 Progress and Achievement Evening 2	✓4	S5, S6
28.02.24	Formal Universal Study Support Block 2 commences		S4, S5, S6
20.03.24	Tracking Report 2 Issued	✓5	S4, S5, S6
TERM 4			
22.04.24	SQA Exam Diet Commences		S4, S5, S6
30.05.24	SQA Exam Diet Concludes		S4, S5, S6
13.06.24	S6 Prom		S6
14.06.24	Malawi Trip Departs (returns 29.06.24)		S5, S6

Please see overleaf for the UCAS application timeline.

Further details / information will be issued in due course regarding:

- Study Space and Snacks in the Library

6. Positive Destinations

22-23 So far...	Higher Education (University)	Further Education (College)	Training	Employed
STA	54.1%	22.4%	4.1%	12.4%



7. Next Steps

- ✓ DYW co-ordinator: Megan Banks
- ✓ Careers Advisors, Skills Development Scotland: Jackie and Evonne
- ✓ Work Experience Co-Ordinator: Mr Young
- ✓ OFA: Monthly Positive Destination Meetings
- ✓ Track Young People for 12 months post school



7. Next Steps

- ✓ When to leave school and what to do
- ✓ Return for S5 or another Positive Destination
- ✓ Look out for opportunities on TEAMS and Assemblies
- ✓ Work Experience Opportunities



Thank You

- ▶ All presentations and resources will be available on our school website - a link will be sent to you via text tomorrow
- ▶ You should have a hardcopy of the key dates document.

