SQA Examination Guidelines 2026

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My SQA

Your National Qualifications

Please **read the following guidance very carefully and see your Year Head if you have any questions.** If you are sitting any subject at National 5, Higher or Advanced Higher level, you will receive your SQA exam timetable along with your final report which details your 'On track to achieve' grade in each of your subjects. Please check your timetable to make sure your levels and subjects are accurate. A copy of the full SQA Exam timetable can be found on the SQA website. Signing up for My SQA will also help you to be organised for your exams. The exam timetables in these reports do not include the Advanced Highers studied by S6 students at Jordanhill or at other Glasgow schools this session. Please make sure you have read 'Your /national Qualifications' information booklet online.

SQA Exams begin on **Wednesday 22nd April 2026** and finish on **Friday 29th May 2026**. You will be on study leave for the duration of the SQA exam diet and should follow the advice given to you in PSE regarding study planning during this time.

- Take a note of the date and time of each of your exams
- Be aware that there may be **more than one** paper or part of the exam for each subject
- Be on time! You must be in the social area **at least 30 minutes before the start time of each SQA exam**
- You can use school bus or public service buses to get to school (NB no school buses on Monday 25th May)
- You must be in **full school uniform**
- Use the bathroom before your exam
- If you are late for your exam, the invigilators may not allow you into the exam hall to sit your exam
- Have all the **equipment** you need including pens, pencils, rulers, calculators, protractors etc (word lists are not permitted)
- Check the gym/exam room and your seat number (this information will be displayed in the social area) – you **must** sit in the correct gym in your allocated seat!
- Go to the allocated gym hall / classroom / location when instructed
- You must be absolutely silent when you enter the exam room and go to your allocated seat
- All bags and jackets must be left at the front of the exam hall/ exam room
- Please learn/ know/ bring your SCN number as you will need this for your exams
- Do your best to answer all the questions – make sure you check the back pages to ensure you have attempted all questions. Check over your answers carefully.
- If you finish your exam before the end of the allocated time, you must ask permission from the invigilator to leave the exam hall. Please be mindful of other pupils doing their exams at all times.

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In particular, you MUST ensure that these items are switched OFF and put in envelopes provided before the start of each SQA Examination: Mobile phone; Smart watch; Air pods / headphones; iPad should be switched off and left in your bag.

REMINDER

A reminder that the exam room must always be silent without noise or disruption. You must take responsibility for ensuring the invigilator is in no doubt that you have not looked at anyone else's work during the assessment. You must also ensure that you do not use rude, abusive or offensive words or images in any of your work, or that your work does not refer to anything inappropriate. The range of penalties imposed by the SQA if any of this happens includes the following:

- Your marks can be reduced, or you can be awarded zero marks
- Your qualification for that subject can be cancelled
- All your qualifications for the entire year can be cancelled

If you stick to the rules and do the right thing every step of the way, you won't need to worry about these!

Assessment Arrangements

If you are entitled to Additional Arrangements, you must check the seating plan, hand in your phone and then report **to Miss Power in the library when instructed to be registered.**

- The start times of your exams may be different to the Interim Assessment master timetable- go with the times issued by Miss Power. Your timetable will only include exams for which you are entitled to Assessment Arrangements so check the SQA Exam Timetable for dates and times of your other exams.
- If you are entitled to separate accommodation, the location may be different for each paper- please check this carefully on the seating plans in the social area before your exam
- Pupils using Exam.Net to complete their exams must ensure they bring their iPads fully charged to every exam. They must check their seats in the Social Area and report to Miss Power or Mrs Cassidy in the library when instructed where they will hand in their phones. Learners will sit the exam in Abbey ICT and must use the correct code to access their exam. Paper copies of the exam paper will also be available. Pupils must submit their exam paper before leaving the exam room. Learners then go to the library to check their printed exam paper and collect their phone from Miss Power or Mrs Cassidy.

Do your best – it's part of your learning journey, not the destination!