

Qualifications in S4

National 5 Qualifications

Subject	Exam content and percentage	Coursework sent to SQA for marking with percentage	Important deadlines
English	Paper 1 - Reading for Understanding and Evaluation worth 30% Paper 2 – Critical Essay worth 20%, Scottish Texts worth 20%	One Folio essay worth 30% First draft must be produced under teacher supervision. Redraft to be completed at home.	Folio first draft due in December. Folio second draft due in January.
Maths	Paper 1 – Non-Calculator (40 marks) worth 44% Paper 2 – Calculator (50 marks) worth 56%	None	Ongoing assessments are undertaken every 2-4 weeks
Applications of Maths	Paper 1 – Non-Calculator (35 marks) worth 39% Paper 2 – Calculator (55 marks) worth 61%	None	Ongoing assessments are undertaken every 2-4 weeks
Media	Paper 1 – Analysis of Media Content worth 50% of course award.	Assignment – Creation of Media Content worth 50% of course award	Completed in stages over time and final draft due in February.
History	Question Paper – 80% (80 Marks).	Assignment – 20% (20 Marks). Prepared in class and at home. Write up under exam conditions – 1 Hour.	Assignment completed in class time and at home as homework. Final write up in Feb.
Modern Studies	Question Paper – 80% (80 Marks).	Assignment – 20% (20 Marks). Prepared in class and at home. Write up under exam conditions – 1 Hour.	Assignment completed in class time and at home as homework. Final write up before October week.

Geography	Question Paper – 80%	Assignment – 20% Prepared in class and at home. Write up under exam conditions in multiple stages.	Assignment completed in class time and at home as homework. Final write up completed by Feb at latest.
Art	Question Paper- 20%	Folio Design 40% Expressive 40%	Folio due April
Music	Question Paper 35%	Composition 15% Performing 50%	Composition due for completion in December. Performing Exam done Feb to Mar.
Music Technology	Question Paper 30%	Folio 70%	Folio due end of February.
PE	Practical – 50% (two separate activities)	Folio 50%	Question 1 completed by 1 st November. Folio deadline – March 2025
French	Paper 1- Reading 25%, Writing 12.5% Paper 2 - Listening 25% Talking exam - 25% completed with teacher in Feb / March	Writing assignment (12.5%) Completed under exam conditions in class.	Writing assignment - January Talking exam - February / March
Spanish	Paper 1- Reading 25%, Writing 12.5% Paper 2 - Listening 25% Talking exam - 25%	Writing assignment (12.5%) Completed under exam conditions in class.	Writing assignment - January Talking exam - February / March
Biology	Exam Paper - 80%	Assignment based on practical task– cannot be checked by teacher. 20% final grade – 1hrs 30 write up (exam conditions)	Assignment research can be completed at home but write up is under exam conditions.

Chemistry	Exam Paper - 80%	Assignment based on practical task – cannot be checked by teacher. 20% final grade – 1hrs 30 write up (exam conditions)	Assignment research can be completed at home but write up is under exam conditions.
Physics	Exam Paper - 80%	Assignment based on practical task– cannot be checked by teacher. 20% final grade – 1hrs 30 write up (exam conditions)	Assignment research can be completed at home but write up is under exam conditions.
Business Management	Exam Paper worth - 75%	Assignment - 25%	Assignment must be completed by March. Research can be carried out at home and 5 hours write up in class.
Administration	Exam Paper - 42%	Assignment 58%	Assignment completed in class in March.
Graphic Communication	Question Paper - 66.7%	Graphic Assignment worth 33.3% under exam conditions in class.	Graphic Assignment done in February/March over 12 periods.
Design and Manufacture	Question Paper - 44%	Design Assignment - 31% Practical Assignment - 25%	Assignment runs from January to April.
Computing	Question Paper - 66.7%	Assignment - 33.3%	6-hour open book assignment completed in February/March.
Practical Cookery	Question Paper – 25%	Assignment (timeplan) – 13% Practical Exam – 62%	3 course meal prepared.

Level 4 & 5 Qualifications (All coursework, no exam)

Subject	Coursework to be completed with percentages	Important deadlines
Literacy	Outcome 1: Reading Outcome 2: Listening Outcome 3: Writing Outcome 4: Talking	Assessment evidence gathered throughout the year. Evidence of competence in Literacy may be drawn from work produced in English or other curricular areas.
Numeracy	Pupils must successfully pass an SQA assessment to obtain their numeracy qualification. 60% pass threshold to achieve the unit.	Assessment evidence is gathered throughout the year. Pupils who achieve a graded award at National 5, Higher or Advanced Higher in either Mathematics or Applications of Mathematics are awarded the respective level of numeracy by the SQA.
Creative Industries	Introduction to Creative Industries Unit (Basics) Skills Development Unit (Practical) Creative Process Unit (Pre-production) Creative Project (Production)	Assessment evidence gathered throughout the year.
Digital Media	Audio Unit Moving Images Unit Stills Images Unit	Assessment evidence gathered throughout the year.
Applied Science	Pupils must successfully pass an SQA assessment for N5 Biology, N5 Chemistry and N5 Physics. 50% is required to pass.	Attendance is key to success with the assessments.

	Pupils must complete the practical unit of Lab Science which has 4 practical units.	
Personal Development	Unit 1: Self Awareness Unit 2: Self in the Community Unit 3: Self and Work Unit 4: Practical Abilities Written and Practical work throughout the year – can be achieved at level 4 or 5.	Both written and practical evidenced gathered throughout the year. Pupils must take part in certain events and reflect on them to achieve whole course award.

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Subject	Coursework to be completed with percentages	Important deadlines
English	Unit 1: Analysis and Evaluation Unit 2: Creation and Production Unit 3: Added Value Unit Literacy Unit	Assessment evidence is gathered throughout the year.
Maths	Unit 1: Numeracy Unit 2: Expressions and Formulae Unit 3: Relationships Unit 4: Added Value Unit 60% pass threshold to achieve each unit.	Assessment evidence is gathered throughout the year.

Applications of Maths	Unit 1: Numeracy Unit 2: Geometry and Measures Unit 3: Managing Finance and Statistics Unit 4: Added Value Unit 60% pass threshold in each outcome to achieve each unit.	Assessment evidence gathered throughout the year.
Media	Unit 1: Analysis of Media Content Unit 2: Media Production Unit 3: Assignment	Assessment evidence gathered throughout the year.
History	Unit 1: Era of the Great War Unit 2: Hitler and Nazi Germany Unit 3: Britian and the Slave Trade	3 Unit Assessments and Added Value Unit to be completed in class time.
Modern Studies	Unit 1: Crime and Law in the UK Unit 2: World Issue – Terrorism Unit 3: Democracy in Scotland the UK	3 Unit Assessments and Added Value Unit to be completed in class time.
Geography	Unit 1: Physical Environments Unit 2: Human Environments Unit 3: Global Issues	3 Unit Assessments and Added Value Unit to be completed in class time.

People & Society	Various units.	3 Unit Assessments and Added Value Unit to be completed in class time.
Art	Design Unit Expressive Unit Critical Analysis Unit AVU Practical Outcome	Assessment evidence gathered until December. Assessed in school in November and March.
Music	Performing Skills Unit Composing and Understanding Music Skills unit N4 Added Value Unit	Internally assessed, complete by end of October Internally assessed, complete by end of December Assessed in Apr/May
Music Technology	Music Technology Skills unit Understanding 20 TH /21 st Century Music unit Music Technology in Context Unit AVU- Music Technology practical assignment.	All units to be complete by end of December AVU to be complete by April/May
PE	Unit 1 – Performance Skills Unit 2 – Factors Impacting Performance Unit 4 - Added Value Unit	Assessments throughout the year.
French	1 x Reading assessment 1 x Listening assessment 1 x Talking assessment 1 x Writing assessment	Assessments throughout the year. AVU – 2 Reading texts to answer questions and a follow up talk in French with teacher in December.

Spanish	<p>1 x Reading assessment 1 x Listening assessment 1 x Talking assessment 1 x Writing assessment</p>	<p>Assessments throughout the year. AVU – 2 Reading texts to answer questions and a follow up talk in French with teacher in December.</p>
Modern Languages for Life and Work	<p>Unit 1: Modern Languages for Life Unit 2: Modern Languages for Work Unit 3: Building Own Employability Skills</p>	<p>Assessments throughout the year. Can complete in French, Spanish or German.</p>
Biology	<p>1. Cell Biology 2. Multicellular Organisms 3. Life on Earth Pupils must complete an Added Value Unit.</p>	<p>Assessments throughout the year. Practical Experiment, write up and evaluation which must be carried out. All three units must be passed.</p>
Chemistry	<p>1. Chemical Changes & Structure 2. Nature's Chemistry 3. Chemistry in Society Pupils must complete an Added Value Unit.</p>	<p>Assessments throughout the year. Practical Experiment, write up and evaluation which must be carried out. All three units must be passed.</p>
Physics	<p>1. Electricity and Energy 2. Waves and Radiation 3. Dynamics and Space Pupils must complete an Added Value Unit.</p>	<p>Assessments throughout the year. Practical Experiment, write up and evaluation which must be carried out. All three units must be passed.</p>

Business Management	Unit 1: Business in Action Unit 2: Influences in Business Unit 3: Added Value Unit	Unit 1 and 2 assessed throughout the year and AVU from December to March
Administration & IT	Unit 1: Administrative Practices Unit 2: IT Solutions for Administrators Unit 3: Communication in Administration Unit 4: Added Value Uit	Assessments throughout the year
Graphic Communication	Unit 1: 2D Graphics Unit 2: 3D Graphics Unit 3: Added Value Unit	Assessments throughout the year.
Design and Manufacture	Unit 1: Materials and Manufacturing Unit 2: Design Unit 3: Added Value Unit	Assessments throughout the year.
Computing	Unit 1: Software Design and Development Unit 2: Information System Design and Development Unit 3: Added Value Unit	Assessments throughout the year.
Practical Cookery	Unit 1 – Cookery Skills Unit 2 – Understanding Ingredients Unit 3 – Organisation Unit 4 -Added Value Unit	Added Value Unit is Practical Assessment

National 3 Qualifications

Subject	Coursework to be completed with percentages	Important deadlines
Art	Design Unit Expressive Unit Critical Analysis Unit	Assessment evidence gathered throughout the year.
French	1 x Reading assessment 1 x Listening assessment 1 x Talking assessment 1 x Writing assessment	Assessments throughout the year.
Spanish	1 x Reading assessment 1 x Listening assessment 1 x Talking assessment 1 x Writing assessment	Assessments throughout the year.
General Science	Nine SQA assessments (3 for Biology, 3 for Chemistry and 3 for Physics) Pupils must achieve 50% to pass each assessment.	Attendance is key to success with the assessments. 3 practical activities must be completed and written as a lab report