

Cumbernauld Academy

Senior Information Evening



Wednesday 11th of September 2024

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to our Senior School Information Evening for S4 to S6. These final years are crucial as your child makes important decisions regarding their academic path and future goals. Tonight, we will provide key information on how together we can support the young people of Cumbernauld Academy. We look forward to working together to ensure they are fully prepared for the challenges and opportunities ahead.

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DHT- Mrs McGuigan (nlmcguiganl@glow.sch.uk)

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Tailored Curriculum Team – Mr Preston (DHT)

Agenda



1. Timeline for the year – Miss Hart
2. Previous Pupil Experience – S6 Pupils
3. Parental Experience – Parent Council
4. S6 Opportunities - Mrs McGuigan/Mr O'Neill
5. Tailored Curriculum Team – Mr Preston
6. Closing Remarks - Mr Cairns

TIMELINE – Miss Hart



Prelims

Prelims are mock exams designed to prepare students for their final exams. Prelims help students to gauge their understanding of the subject material, familiarise themselves with the exam format and identify areas that need improvement. They also give the teachers an idea of progress and readiness for the final exam.

- They identify strengths and areas for development.
- Offer valuable feedback from the teachers once the paper has been assessed.
- If students are not coping with current level, prelims may identify if it would be more beneficial to move to a level where confidence can be built, and success can be achieved.



Prelim Dates:
28th November – 13th of December

Supported Study

Lunch time and after school supported study is an additional learning opportunity offered to students outside of regular school hours. It provides extra help with coursework, exam preparation, or on specific subject areas that may need further support. The staff at Cumbernauld Academy give their time freely to reinforce learning, address challenges and build confidence in a more supportive environment.

- Many faculties in the school offer additional supported study sessions.
- Teachers will let students know when they are available, and the official timetable is also available on the school website.
- Department sessions won't necessarily be with your child's class teacher, but we encourage all young people to attend.

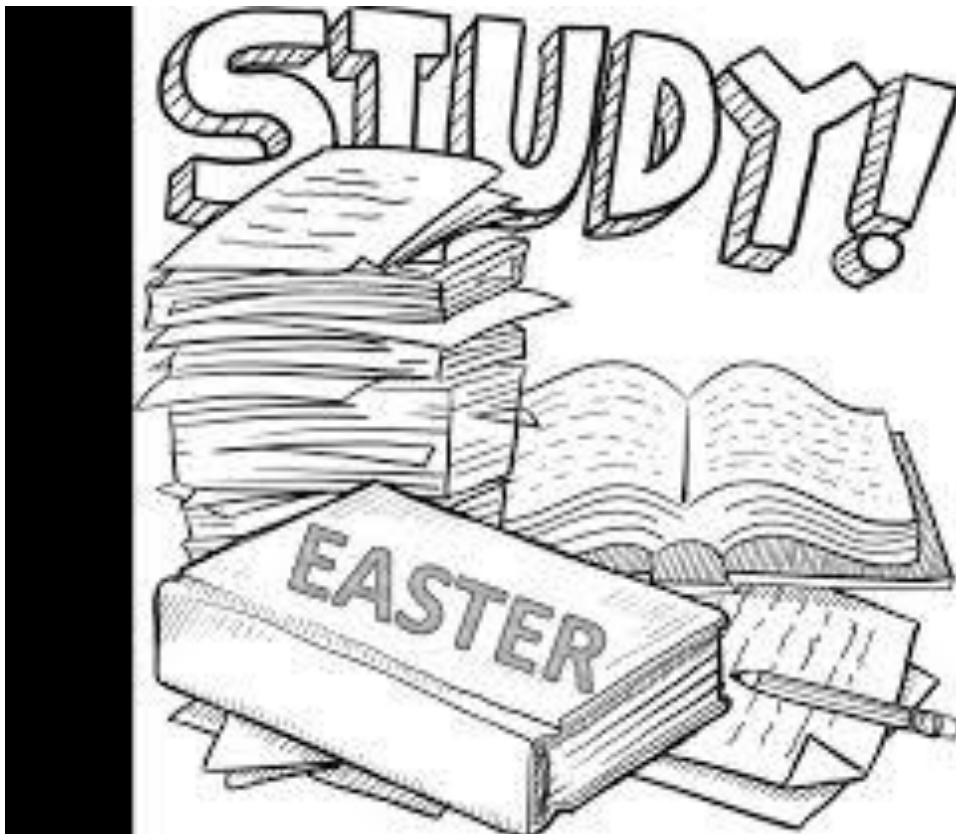
The current supported study timetable is as follows and any amendments will be updated on our website throughout the session.

English	N4/N5/H	Monday	3.45pm to 4.45pm starting Monday 9th Sept to Mon 25th Nov.	Mrs Passmore
Geography	N5	Monday	4.00pm - 5.00pm	Mrs Murray
N5 Mathematics and N5 Applications of Maths	N5	Monday	3:45pm-4:45pm	Miss Waterson
Admin and IT	N5	Monday	3.45pm - 4.45pm	Miss McGarry
Admin and IT	Higher	Monday	3.45pm- 4.55pm	Miss McGarry
Spanish	N5	Monday	12.45pm - 1.15pm	Mrs O'Neill
Spanish	Higher	Monday	3:45pm-4:45pm	Mr O'Neill
French	N5	Monday	3.45pm - 4.45pm	Miss Small
PE	N5	Monday	4-5pm	Miss Quinn
PE	Higher	Monday	4-5pm	Mr Parker
Physics	Higher	Monday	3.45pm - 4.45pm	Miss Bear
Physics	N5	Monday	3.45pm - 4.45pm	Miss Bear
Chemistry	N5	Monday	3.45pm - 4.45pm	Miss McPhail
Chemistry	Higher	Monday	3.45pm - 4.45pm	Mrs MacPhail
Design & Manufacture	N5	Thursday	3.45pm - 4.45pm	Mr Henderson
Design & Manufacture	Higher	Thursday	3.45pm - 4.45pm	Mr Henderson
Graphic Communication	Higher	Thursday	3.45pm - 4.45pm	Mr Lucas
Art & Design	N5	Thursday	3.45pm - 4.45pm	Ms Farrow
Art & Design	Higher	Thursday	3.45pm - 4.45pm	Ms Farrow
History	N5	Thursday	4.00pm - 5.00pm	Mr Waddell & Mr Hodgman
History	Higher	Thursday	4.00pm - 5.00pm	Mr Waddell & Mr Hodgman
Biology	N5	Thursday	3.45pm - 4.45pm	Mrs Martin
Biology	Higher	Thursday	3.45pm - 4.45pm	Mrs Martin
Chemistry	N5	Thursday	3.45pm - 4.45pm	Mr Cupples
Chemistry	Higher	Thursday	3.45pm - 4.45pm	Mr Cupples
Graphic Communication	N5	Tuesday	3.45pm - 4.45pm	Ms Oyler
History	N5	Tuesday	4.00pm - 5.00pm	Mr Waddell & Mr Hodgman

History	Higher	Tuesday	4.00pm - 5.00pm	Mr Waddell & Mr Hodgman
Modern Studies	N5	Tuesday	4.00pm - 5.00pm	Mrs Marshall & Mrs McGowan
Modern Studies	Higher	Tuesday	4.00pm - 5.00pm	Mrs Marshall & Mrs McGowan
Physics	Higher	Tuesday	3.45pm - 4.45pm	Miss Bear
Art & Design	N5	Wednesday	3.45pm - 4.45pm	Miss Cree
Art & Design	Higher	Wednesday	3.45pm - 4.45pm	Miss Cree
Modern Studies	N5	Wednesday	4.00pm - 5.00pm	Mrs Marshall & Mrs McGowan
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Modern Studies	Higher	Wednesday	4.00pm - 5.00pm	Mrs Marshall & Mrs McGowan
All Senior Maths Levels	Higher	Wednesday	3:45pm-4:45pm	Mr Gibson and Mrs McArthur
French	N5	Wednesday	3.45pm - 4.45pm	Ms Hamilton
Music technology	N5	Wednesday	12.40pm-1.15pm	Mr Phillips
Music technology	Higher	Wednesday	12.40pm-1.15pm	Mr Phillips
Biology	N5	Wednesday	3.45pm - 4.45pm	Mrs Beaton
Biology	Higher	Wednesday	3.45pm - 4.45pm	Mrs Beaton
Biology	N5	Wednesday	3.45pm - 4.45pm	Miss Gartshore
Biology	Higher	Wednesday	3.45pm - 4.45pm	Miss Gartshore

Easter School

Easter School is a valuable opportunity for students to receive additional academic support during the spring break, offering extra help beyond the regular supported study programme. Throughout Easter School, students will attend classes running throughout the day, designed to reinforce key topics and prepare them for the upcoming SQA exams. The exact dates for Easter School will be confirmed closer to the time, and a detailed timetable will be shared with both students and parents to ensure everyone is well informed and prepared.



Master Classes

Master classes will be running again this session. They will begin after the prelim diet and pupils will be selected based on their prelim results and tracking reports. More information on this will follow throughout the session.

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Online Resources

There are a range of online resources available to support students in their exam preparation. These include subject specific websites, interactive revisions tools and past papers, all designed to enhance learning and build confidence ahead of the examination diet, these resources can also help catch up with work that may have been missed through absence.



[Home - BBC Bitesize](https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/)

- BBC Bitesize online has lots of resources for pupils of all levels.
- An account can be created, and it can be personalised to include subjects that are being assessed.
- Each subject has clearly labelled sections with units broken down.
- It is a good resource for catch up if any lessons have been missed.

A screenshot of the BBC Bitesize website. At the top, it says 'How can I prepare - BBC Bitesize' with a link to 'https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/secondary'. Below this is a QR code. The main content area is titled 'All National 5 subjects' and lists various subjects with icons: Application of Maths, Art and Design, Biology, Business management, Chemistry, Computing Science, Design and manufacture, English, French, Gaelic (Learners), Geography, History, Maths, Modern Languages, Modern Studies, Music, Physical Education, Physics, Spanish, and Technologies. A sidebar on the left shows the 'BITESIZE' logo and navigation links for Home, Learn, Support, and Careers. Below that, it says 'National 5 Subjects' and provides a brief description of the qualification.



We are delighted to inform you that Mr Cairns has purchased a licence for the Achieve learning platform, a comprehensive online resource tailored for Scottish schools, and this has been made available to all our young people at Cumbernauld Academy. The platform offers a wealth of interactive learning materials, practice questions and Scottish Curriculum, designed to enhance exam preparation and support academic success. Our Headteacher has invested in this valuable resource for the benefit of every pupil, ensuring they have access to these essential tools for their studies. We encourage parents to support their children in utilising Achieve to its fullest potential.

A screenshot of the Achieve platform's sign-up page. At the top left, the text reads "How can I prepare - Achieve" with a URL below it: <https://achieve.hashtag-learning.co.uk/user-start/?next=/>. To the right is a QR code. In the center, a large pink oval contains the text "Sign up using the school code: Zeis9rdX". At the bottom center is a small diamond-shaped icon. On the right side, there is a dark purple header with the Achieve logo and a dark blue footer with the text "Welcome to Achieve".



Scottish Qualifications Authority - SQA

The SQA (Scottish Qualifications Authority) website is an essential resource for students preparing for their exams, offering a wealth of information and support. It provides access to past papers, marking schemes and detailed subject-specific guidance that can help students understand exam formats and improve revision strategies.

By utilising these resources students can gain valuable insights and practice, enhancing their confidence and readiness for SQA exams.

We encourage parents to familiarise themselves with the SQA website and support the young people of Cumbernauld Academy in using these helpful tools.



E-Sgoil

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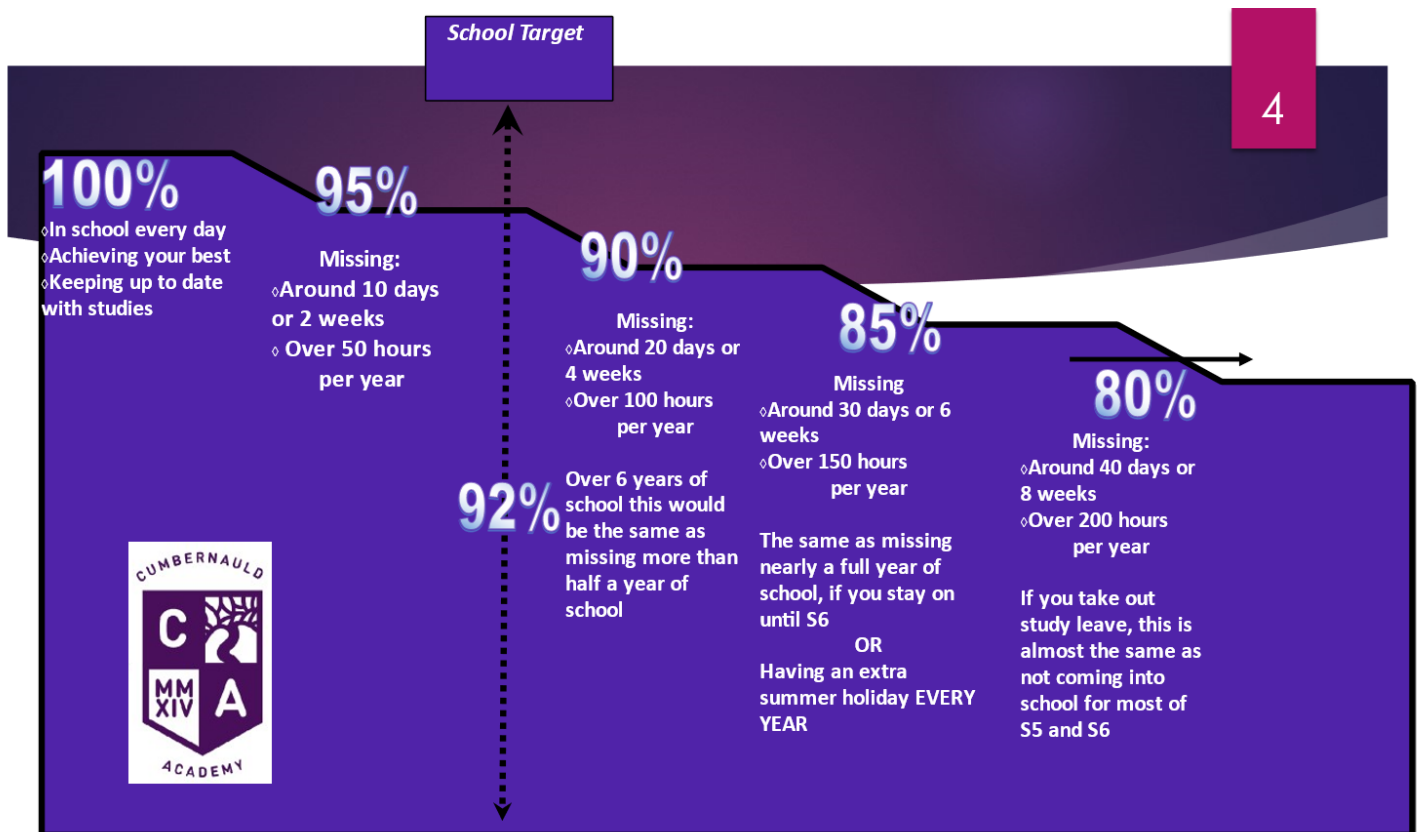
E-sgoil is online supported study available to everyone.

Registration is required for webinars and to access resources which will help to support studying.

There are fifty-one weekly evening Study Support webinars during term time, covering a wide range of subjects and levels. Study Support is for Senior Phase learners who are working towards National Qualifications.

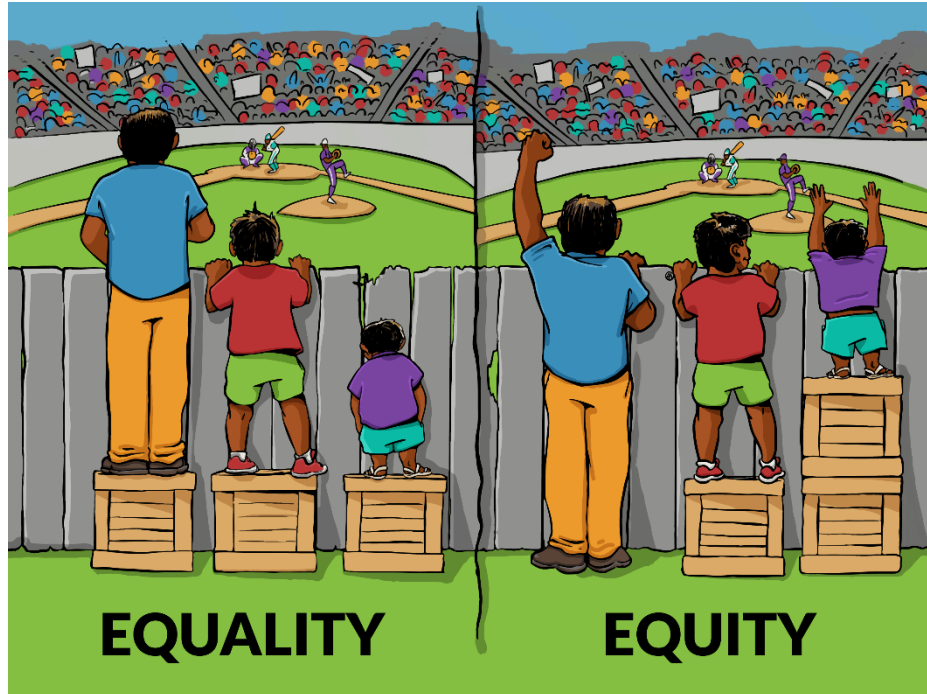
Attendance

Attendance is a key element of achieving at school because it ensures students stay on track with their academic learning, skill development, and social growth. Consistent attendance also builds habits of responsibility and accountability, preparing students for future success in life and work.



Tailored Curriculum Team

At Cumbernauld Academy, we have a fantastic team dedicated to the inclusion of all our young people who are struggling to access our school's mainstream curriculum. This team is funded by our school's Pupil Equity Fund (PEF) and their objective is to provide an alternative pathway that ensures that all our students have the opportunity to achieve qualifications upon leaving school, equipping them with the skills and credentials necessary for future success and a positive destination.



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UCAS Deadlines

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By Friday 13th September	All pupils must register with UCAS and have completed their personal details.
Friday 20th September	Pupils applying to Uni must be in the UCAS class during skills for lifetime where staff can work with each pupil. Pupils with an early deadline for application will be supported first. Support will be given on applications.
Friday 4th October	Pupils should have discussed and shown their UCAS class teacher (Mr Sheridan and Mrs Milliken) what they wish to include in their personal statement.
Friday 11th October	First draft of personal statement to be submitted to Mr O'Neill. Feedback will be provided ASAP.
Friday 1st November	All personal statements completed and uploaded to UCAS.
Friday 15th November	All applications will be checked by Mr O'Neill and other staff. A reference will be written and uploaded to UCAS.
Friday 29th November	All applications checked by Mr O'Neill and Mrs McGuigan and sent to UCAS.

