



Taylor High School

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School Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer/Student,

Many thanks to the S3 parents who joined our online information session this week to support the S4 options process. Pupils from S2-S5 have been supported to undergo a 'mock options' exercise to support their learning about their future pathway through and beyond Taylor High School. All parents and carers are invited to support their young people in exploring the tools in [My World of Work](#) to augment their in-school learning about skills, aspirations and future pathways.

Our S5/6 students have been working hard this week on their progress assessments. During this time, it is essential that all senior students attend each of their timetabled classes when they are not engaged in an assessment so that they can maximise their time for learning, revision and study.

Please look out for the upcoming **HAVE YOUR SAY** consultation events being organised in partnership with the Taylor High School Parent Council.

Yours faithfully,

Paul McWatt
Head Teacher

SAFER INTERNET DAY



Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally in February each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people, and to inspire a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically, and creatively.

Safer Internet Day 2022 is on 8th February and will be celebrated with the theme 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online'. Next week all S1 to S3 pupils will be learning about and discussing how to stay safe online either during PSHE or English.

As a parent or carer you play a key role in helping your child to stay safe online. You don't need to be an expert on the internet to help keep your child stay safe online. Helpful guides and videos are available on our website [here](#).

TREE OF KNOWLEDGE—LAUGH IN THE FACE OF EXAMS



Tree of Knowledge will be supporting our S4-6 pupils starting with S4 next week. Pupils will experience the 'Laugh in the face of exams' workshop to support their preparation for SQA exams. The workshop will help pupils to utilise their feedback from progress assessments to focus on their next steps; the workshop will cover important areas such as study skills, life skills, stress management and positive mindset.



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SUPPORTED STUDY UPDATE



An updated supported study timetable was sent out to all parents/carers of S4-6 pupils earlier in the week. We ask that parents/carers strongly encourage their child to maximise the opportunities provided by departments in the important weeks ahead.

SQA UPDATE—EXAM SUPPORT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS



Earlier this week, SQA outlined the measures that will be in place to support learners taking National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher exams in 2022.

National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher exams are expected to take place in April to June 2022. The Scottish Government will only cancel the exams if public health advice restricts physical gatherings at the time the exams are due to take place.

The Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) has continued to closely monitor the levels of disruption to learning and teaching across the country, including learner and staff absences. As a result, SQA is providing revision support for learners during week beginning 7 March, to help your child prepare and focus their revision, in the run up to the exams.

It is important that this information is not provided too far in advance of the exams, to ensure your child has had the opportunity complete the learning for their courses and focus on their coursework before their attention moves more fully to preparing for exams.

The type of revision support for each course will depend on the modifications to assessment that SQA already made at the start of the session to help reduce the workload of learners and their teachers and lecturers. It will also be tailored to reflect the types of questions that are in the exam and will therefore differ across courses. For some courses, this will include advice and guidance on what topics your child should focus their revision on.

A table showing the type of revision support that will be provided for each course is now available on the SQA website: [View the table on the SQA website](#). More detail is available on the [SQA blog](#).

FUTURE FRIDAYS ACTIVITIES



Our programme continues to grow at Taylor High School. Each Monday Mr Dale posts a link on our Twitter feed for pupils to sign up for the week's activities. Currently we have pupils participating in a range of activities such as: completing their CSCS Card training; attending additional study support; joining in with physical activities and sports; attending work experience; and joining in the debating or comic clubs. Some of our activities, such as those completed in partnership with our local college or other training providers, have limited spaces. Pupils are encouraged to check the list each week for new activities and to sign up either online or with Mr Dale.]

If you have any queries or concerns, please contact your Principal Teacher of Pupil Support, or if you have a general enquiry you can use our general enquiry mailbox: enquiries-at-taylor@northlan.org.uk.

Yours faithfully,

Paul McWatt