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To Parents/Carers of S5/6 pupils

National Qualifications

Your son/daughter is now approaching a crucial period in their school year. As you are aware, Blairgowrie High School is presenting pupils for National 3, National 4 and National 5, Intermediate 1 and Intermediate 2, Higher and Advanced Higher qualifications this session.

National 3 and National 4 qualifications are internally assessed. This means that there is no prelim examination nor is there an examination in April/May. Nonetheless, these qualifications are extremely valued in the job market.

Additionally, at all levels pupils **must** pass units throughout the school year in order to gain the course award.

In recent weeks, a number of pupils are appearing to lack motivation and commitment to their learning. I would ask for your support in stressing to your son/daughter that work undertaken throughout the year, regardless of presentation level, counts towards their final award.

From 12 January 2015 to 23 January 2015 (inclusive), pupils sitting National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher qualifications will be undertaking prelim examinations. During this period all S5/6 pupils are being granted study leave. Pupils can choose to study at home or in school in preparation for their examinations. If your son/daughter chooses to come into school they should follow their normal timetable – this also applies if your son/daughter finishes an examination and is waiting in school until the end of the school day for transport home. If in class, this time will be treated as periods of supervised study rather than subject specific lessons although teachers will be available to assist pupils with their revision. School uniform must be worn at all times when pupils are in school.

Please note that bus passes are only valid for the normal school bus times. Pupils coming into or leaving school at other times should make their own transport arrangements, or pay bus fares.

All pupils will return to normal timetabled classes on Monday 26 January.

There is more information on the school website about new qualifications, and our prelim timetable can also be viewed on the website. However please do not hesitate to contact your son/daughter's Guidance Teacher or House Head if you have further queries.

Yours faithfully

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