



24th January 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

Below is an update regarding our forthcoming practical exams for National 5 and Higher Music.

Our examiner has been in touch and has confirmed the dates as being Monday 28th February, Tuesday 1st March and Thursday 3rd March. The exact date and time of your child's exam will be confirmed with them shortly.

Bagpipe exams will take place on 11th March at 11am.

Pipe Band Drumming exams will take place on 8th March at 3pm.

Over the next few weeks, please support your child to undertake the following checks:

- Time pieces and ensure they meet the relevant level requirements.
 - N5 – 6 mins with a minimum of 1m 30s on each instrument.
 - Higher – 10 mins with a minimum of 3 mins on each instrument.
- Confirm programme with class teacher.
 - Pupils must perform at least 2 pieces on each instrument.
- Ensure class teacher has a copy of all sheet music. This should include any annotations which indicate any relevant edits to the piece.
- Ensure class teacher has a copy of all backing tracks or accompaniments.
- Check time of exam and alert class teacher if a change of time is required.

In addition to this, please encourage your child to undertake regular practice on both instruments in the run up to this exam. Regular attendance at supported study will also be beneficial. To improve your child's ability to manage their nerves on the day, please support them to find performance opportunities. Performing to friends and family members on a regular basis can make a big difference here. Lunchtime concerts will be held in the school and all pupils should take advantage of this opportunity.

If your child is absent from school on the day of their exam, you must notify the school as early as possible. In this instance, if time allows, the exam can be rescheduled within the same exam visit without needing to notify the SQA. If this is not possible, an alternative date will be requested but a doctor's line may be required.

If you have any questions regarding the practical exams, please contact me via the school office or by email on gw17davidsongemma@glow.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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