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S4 Preparations for NQ exams during April/May 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

At this time of the session it is appropriate to provide an overview on the information which will help pupils preparing for N5 examinations in May. One of the most important strategies pupils need to consider is additional study at home. This could be choosing to revise earlier work, making own revision notes, trying past papers and using revision materials provided by their teacher or online revision materials.

Pupil support and subject teachers are happy to assist pupils with advice on their preparation approaches and there is an ongoing regular pattern of study clubs each week (*see appendix 1*) where pupils can access additional opportunities to discuss any issues. Clubs have commenced and there is a parental/guardian permission slip attached to this letter.

Useful online revision links are

<http://www.sqa.org.uk/pastpapers/findpastpaper.htm>

<http://www.national5maths.co.uk/free-national-5-maths-2/>

<https://letsachieve.co.uk/>

A S4 report was issued earlier this month.

Main prelim examinations are anticipated to begin on Friday 2 February (*detailed plan to follow*) and these assessments give pupils an appreciation of the standard in April/May. After the prelims, an S4 interim report is generated to assist pupils focus on their needs and complete their coursework as well as possible.

Some subjects have portfolios or assignments which form part of the final assessment. It is therefore very important that pupils meet teacher set deadlines in order to avoid a rush towards the end of March

The National examination diet commences on Tuesday 23 April and a full itinerary for Aith School will be provided in March highlighting any local variations to the nationally stated exam times. You can view the national exam diet now at

https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/files_ccc/nq-2024-exam-timetable.pdf

Please note there may be updates to this timetable by SQA during the session.

I wish your child successful preparations and good results in their studies.

Yours sincerely

James Garrick (DHT)

Appendix 1 – Lunchtime clubs and S4 After School Study Clubs for Dec 2023 – Mar 2024

Please find below a timetable for lunchtime activities and voluntary out of school clubs for S4 pupils. The sessions provide pupils with the opportunity to reinforce learning and discuss any issues. *(Please note that this timetable will be subject to revision in January)*

	Lunch Time		After School		
	S1/2	S3/4	S1/2	S3/4	S4 Study Clubs
Monday	Mrs Johnston ICT Room	Mrs Kerr CDT club	Dr Justice Traditional Music Group		Mrs Kerr Graphics & Woodwork
	Sadie Simpson Drop in club				
Tuesday	Mr Jackson Maths club	Mrs Mercer Homework drop in			Mrs Mackney-Mills Geography
Wednesday	Mrs Mercer Cards/Board Games	Mrs Johnston ICT Room		Dr Justice Music Group	Mr Baxter Physics
					Mrs Johnson BM, Admin & IT, Computing
Thursday	Dr Justice Music Group		Dr Justice Vocal Group		Mrs Crossan English
					Mrs Hunter Art
Friday	Mrs Mercer Homework drop in				
	Sadie Simpson Chess club				

Nb:- S4 revision Biology/Chemistry running from January 2024

If staff are available, scheduled sessions may run and this will be confirmed to pupils during the school day. (Due to staff meetings, absences and other unplanned events, some clubs may not operate and pupils should not automatically assume a session is running.)

Please note that **transport is not provided for pupils attending study sessions and it is essential that own provision is made.**

Please complete and return via your child, this permission slip into Aith school office.

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Permission Return Slip for Attending S4 Study Clubs

I will arrange transport for my child from Aith After School Study Clubs.

I consent for my child,, to attend the
After School Study Clubs at Aith Junior High School.

Signed
(Parent/Guardian)

Date