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## **S4 Preparations for NQ exams during April/May 2026**

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 April/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 started each week (*see appendix 2*) 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 to return if your child is attending.

Useful online revision links are

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

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

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

**Main prelim examinations are anticipated to begin on 30 January** (*see appendix 2*) 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 at Aith on Thursday 23 April** with N5 Geography and a full itinerary for Aith School will be provided next term highlighting any local variations to the nationally stated exam times. You can view the proposed national exam diet schedule now at

[https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/files\\_ccc/nq-2026-exam-timetable.pdf](https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/files_ccc/nq-2026-exam-timetable.pdf)

Please note there may be further modifications/updates to this timetable by SQA

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

Yours sincerely,

James Garrick (DHT)

*Appendix 1 – Prelim Timetable 2026*

<b>Thurs 15 Jan</b>	<b>Practical Cookery</b>
<b>Fri 30 Jan Rankin Lounge</b>	<b>Mathematics</b>
<b>Mon 2 Feb Rankin Lounge</b>	<b>English</b>
<b>Tue 3 Feb Rankin Lounge</b>	<b>Business Management Biology Physics</b>
<b>Wed 4 Feb Rankin Lounge</b>	<b>History Music Theory Music practical (in Music room)</b>
<b>Thurs 5 Feb Rankin Lounge</b>	<b>Art &amp; Design French Geography Business Management*</b>
<b>Fri 6 Feb</b>	<b>COLLEGE DAY</b>
<b>Mon 9 Feb Rankin Lounge</b>	<b>Graphic Comm Chemistry</b>
<b>Tue 10 Feb Library</b>	<b>Computing Science Practical Cookery Graphic Comm *</b>
<b>Wed 11 Feb Room 7</b>	<b>Administration</b>
<b>Thurs 12 Feb</b>	<b>Spare day in hand</b>
<b>Fri 13 Feb</b>	<b>Holiday</b>
<b>Mon 16 Feb</b>	<b>Holiday</b>

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\* denotes additional exam is required where some pupils' subjects conflict in the prelim exam diet



## Appendix 2 –After-School Study Clubs for Dec Jan 2026 – Mar 2026

Please find below a timetable for 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 schedule will be subject to revision)*

3.40pm – 5pm	Subjects
Monday	Woodwork/Graphics (Mrs Kerr) Music (Mrs Tierney)
Tuesday	French (Mdme Tiffaneau) Geography (Miss Mackney-Mills) Music (Mrs Tierney)
Wednesday	Physics (Mr Baxter) Biology/Chemistry (Mrs Sinclair)
Thursday	English Biology/Chemistry (Mrs Tulloch) Art & Design (Mrs Hunter)
Friday	-

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

**Alternatively** you can email your acceptance into [aith@shetland.gov.uk](mailto:aith@shetland.gov.uk) or telephone the school office staff on 01595 807400.

**Permission Return Slip for Attending S4 Study Clubs**

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

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

Signed .....  
(Parent/Guardian)

Date .....

