

**Topic overviews are provided to aid parental involvement and support.**

- Your child has entered into their **Senior Phase** of education ie studying for their National qualifications.
- S4 pupils have regular **Unit Assessments**. Unit assessments must be **passed** or the pupil **cannot** sit the exam.

**Key Dates**

Prelims: Mon 27 Jan – Fri 7 Feb 2025, Coursework Deadline 1: 19 March 2025

Subject	Topic(s)
English	DA: Critical Essay writing; completion of Writing Portfolio; Revision of texts and Exam Practice. CM: RUAE skills and past papers.
French	Using language and Understanding language focus: Employability and Health. N5 - preparing for the unpredictable written element of their exam: a letter to an employer, and complete their Speaking and Writing assignments. N4 - complete Listening and Writing and Added Value unit assessments.
Maths	Trigonometry: trigonometric graphs, equations and identities. Algebra: solving equations and inequalities with fractions. Vectors: vector notation, 3D co-ordinates, magnitude and simple calculations. Quadratics: quadratic equations and sketching graphs of quadratic functions.
PE	tbc
Life Skills	Study skills and mental resilience – coping with exam stresses and transitions. Making informed decisions about their progression pathway eg subject/next steps.
Biology	Life on Earth- Food production and evolution of a species. N5 Assignment – 20% of overall grade
Chemistry	Plastics- Chemical composition Fertilisers- Use/need and environmental impact Nuclear Chemistry- Nucleotide notation and isotopes N5 Assignment- 20% of overall grade.
Physics	Properties Of Matter: the Gas Laws and the kinetic model. Space Physics: Cosmology and space exploration. Electricity: Sensors and transistor switching circuits. N5 Assignment – 20% of overall grade.
Practical Cookery	Preparation and planning for practical prelim. Complete N4/5 combined unit. Exam questions in preparation for written exam.
History	Revision of course so far in preparation for the prelim. Nazi Control of Germany Unit – The ways Nazis used intimidation and fear to control Germany, the treatment of Jews and the opposition to Nazis by the Communists.
Geography	Revision of course so far in preparation for the prelim. Completion of a Limestone unit – the formation of limestone features, how to locate the features on an OS map and the conflicts and land uses that can occur in limestone landscapes.
Art	Pupils will be working on exam questions and finishing their design portfolios.
Admin & IT	Practice of assessment and exam papers, revision on theory. Complete assessment task during February.
Comp Science	Assignment practice tasks - programming and database. Complete course and revise course notes to prepare for prelim and exam.
Graph Comm	Preparation for the Prelim exam, working on practical assignments followed by the 2025 SQA assignment for N5.
Woodwork	Preparation for the prelim and starting the 2025 SQA assignment for N5.

Comments

This is a critical year for your child. Help them by encouraging revision and exam practice .

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