



## 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

S4 Parents Night – Tues 2 Sept 2025, Holidays – 11-28 October 2025

### Subject

### Topic(s)

English	DA: Critical Reading, Paper 2, Scottish Text: The Poems of Norman MacCaig/ Development of Writing skills and planning for portfolio writing. CM: Students will be developing RUAE skills.
French	Using language (Writing and Speaking) and Understanding language (Reading and Listening) will be based around <b>family, friends and relationships</b> .
Maths	The straight line, simultaneous equations. Trigonometry for all triangles – the Sine Rule, the Cosine Rule and the area of a triangle.
PE	Pupils will be completing a football and a hockey unit where we will look at linking together previously learnt skills bring them together into adapted games.
Life Skills	Pupils will be learning about emotional wellbeing, becoming a parent, equality and sexual harassment.
Biology	Investigating ecosystems and working on identifying species within defined areas, using calculations to identify population sizes. Along with reviewing the process of photosynthesis.
Chemistry	Reviewing atomic structures and the periodic table. Recapping on bonding and structures along with identifying and naming the compounds and isomers.
Physics	<b>Dynamics</b> - work done, forces and Newton's Laws, types of energy, energy conservation and projectile motion.  <b>Properties Of Matter</b> : - start working on: heat, temperature, pressure, specific heat capacity and latent heat.
History	Human Environments: Urban – comparing the characteristics of the CBD, inner city and suburbs. Case study of Glasgow as a developed city and Mumbai as a developing city.
Geography	Recap of the Atlantic slave trade and a further look at the abolitionists and the end of the slave trade. Then moving on to Hitler and Nazi Germany: The problems created in Weimar Germany after WW1 and the appeal of the Nazi Party.
Business Management	Continue with the management of finance, looking at cost pricing, break even, and basic accounts. Review human resources and other aspects of the course.
Practical Cookery	Pupils will focus on building their skills. They will work on 'N5 Practical Cookery' unit to test their knowledge and gain experience in all areas of practical cookery.
Music	Performing – keep building skills on two instruments and work towards finalising a performance programme of 8 minutes. Listening – The romantic period. N5 theory concepts.
Art	Working on expressive still life portfolios. We will also be completing 1 period of theory a week to help towards the written exam.
Admin & IT	Review work from S3 using past exam questions. Practice exam papers and assignment papers picking up any areas that need to be revised.
Comp Science	Web Design & Development Unit – developing websites using HTML and CSS.
Graph Comm	Reviewing work in S3 and progress. Looking at assignments and test dates for tests in term 1.
Woodwork	Reviewing work from last term. Starting work on a corner shelf unit (SQA N4/5 project) Use of corner rebate and stopped housing plus dowel joints.

### Comments

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

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