



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.



Subject	Topic(s)
English	DA: Critical Essay writing; writing portfolio; revision of Scottish text; Prelim; further exam practice and revision of texts. CM: RUEA.
French	Using language and Understanding language focus: Employability, Health and Technology N5 Pupil will complete their Speaking and Writing assignments .
Maths	Trigonometry: trigonometric graphs, equations and identities. Surds and indices: Simplifying surds, rationalising the denominator and applications. The 6 rules of indices and zero powers. Vectors: vector notation, 3D co-ordinates, magnitude and simple calculations. Quadratics: quadratic equations, the discriminant and sketching graphs of quadratic functions.
PE	Pupils will complete a basketball, badminton, tennis and volleyball unit. In these units pupils will showcase their knowledge and skill and continue to build on them.
Life Skills	Pupils will Identify their own interests, strengths and skills and uses them to support subject choice.
Biology	Learners will undertake a practical assignment and start undertaking revision of sections starting with cell biology. They will also be sitting unit assessments for each section.
Chemistry	Completing consumer products and energy- Unit assessment 2 Unit 3-Metals, plastic, fertilisers and nuclear chemistry. Unit assessment 3 N5 Assignment
Physics	Properties Of Matter: the Gas Laws and the kinetic model. Space Physics: Cosmology and space exploration. Electricity: Sensors and transistor switching circuits. Assignment – 20% of overall grade.
History	Revision of course so far in preparation for the prelim. Completion of a Nazi Social and Economic Policies unit: the policies introduced by the Nazis, their Youth movements and changes to education, the role of women in Nazi Germany and the Nuremberg rallies.
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.
Business Management	Students will be researching and reporting on their assignment during January, followed by revision and practice exam papers.
Practical Cookery	Exam questions in preparation for written exam. Preparation and planning for the practical prelim.
Music	Performing –practicing exam programme in preparation for practical prelim and exam. Listening – revision and past paper practice. Composing – Finish composing assignment ready to submit at the start of Term 4.
Art	Pupils will be working on exam questions and finishing their design portfolios.
Admin & IT	Revise and practice assignments. This year's assignment will take place in February, after which focus will be on spreadsheets, databases and theory for the exam in April.
Comp Science	Practise assignments and revise theory to build his skills, knowledge and understanding before completing his official assignment in February. Past-paper practice will aim to develop high quality answers.
Graph Comm	Revise for the prelim, and develop skills for the assignment later in the term.
Woodwork	Pupils will look at case studies prior to going over the assignment drawings for S4. They will then start on their N5 assignment for the rest of the term.

Notes

National SQA past papers and marking schemes are freely available from www.sqa.org.uk/

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