

## S4-S6 Assessment Opportunities

21/12/22

Dear Parent / Carer of S4-S6 learners,

I write to inform you that we are planning our approaches to assessment to ensure our young people can achieve their full potential in the SQA exam diet 2023 and throughout the academic session.

We understand and appreciate there are anxieties around assessment and upcoming exams which is the National Approach. To support this, we want to ensure that you and your child are as well informed about any planned SQA course assessment. Senior phase assemblies were held Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December for individual year groups to inform pupils of what to expect. All learners were issued with a '[Your National Qualifications](#) guide' which explains the rules and essential information about coursework for SQA. There will be another input in preparation for the SQA exam diet as we approach that next term. Below is a summary of some key points for this academic year 2023.

- It is currently the plan for exams to take place between April-May 2023. The exam timetable is available on the SQA website using the following link:  
[https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/files\\_ccc/nq-2023-exam-timetable.pdf](https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/files_ccc/nq-2023-exam-timetable.pdf)
- Course assessments have already been adapted to reflect the disruption to your child's learning caused by COVID-19. These adaptations were implemented for 2021/22 and have remained for 2022/23.
- Support for Learning staff are working closely with each curricular area to ensure your child receives any additional support they are entitled to. This support is evidence based and allow candidates who are disabled, and/or have been identified as having additional support needs, access to appropriate arrangements to complete the assessment without compromising its integrity.

Please find attached to this letter the school plan for a period of assessment opportunities this term as well as the Baldragon Academy offer of study support as an additional approach to supporting your child. The majority of these will take place during class time. They have been carefully planned to ensure pupils are not overloaded with assessment. Some assessments which require longer than the allocated class time have been arranged out with. Your child's teacher will keep them informed of these assessments and any work they are required to do to prepare to the best of their ability.

It is our intention to hold the Maths and English assessments in a similar format to the procedures required for the SQA exams as was the case last year. These will be held in the games hall/dance studio with pupils at individual numbered desks. SQA invigilators will support this process to facilitate

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holding the assessment in this way. The rationale behind this is a support to the learners for their upcoming exams, giving learners an experience of an SQA assessment.

Following this period of assessment, the following supports will be in place, more information to follow:

- S4-S6 Targeted Parents Night: Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023
- Report to parents: Mon 27<sup>th</sup> February

Please be assured we are carefully planning our approaches to assessment to ensure our learners are in the best place possible to achieve their full potential. Similar to previous years, assessment is ongoing and not dependant on one single assessment therefore the following expectations are a crucial part of this process:

- Attendance above 90%
- Attendance at study support
- Completing home study and homework
- Meeting deadlines set by teachers and giving their very best to all tasks set

At the heart of our planning, the health and wellbeing of all our young people remains a main priority. Thank you for your continued support. If you have any concerns, please contact your child's guidance teacher in the first instance.

Yours,

Mrs Hayley Ross

Depute Head Teacher

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**Assessment Opportunities Timetable 2023**

**10th-13th January 2023 week 1**

SUBJECT	LEVEL	LOCATION	No of PUPILS	DATE & TIME
Human Biology & Biology	H/N5	Dance Studio	27	Thurs 12th Jan P5
Human Biology & Biology	H/N5	Dance Studio	27	Thurs 12th Jan P6
Human Biology & Biology	H/N5	Dance Studio	36	Fri 13th Jan P3
Human Biology & Biology	H/N5	Dance Studio	36	Fri 13th Jan P4

**Assessment Opportunities Timetable 2023**

**16th-20th January 2023 week 2**

SUBJECT	LEVEL	LOCATION	No of PUPILS	DATE & TIME
Music	N5-AH practical	Music Dept		Mon 16th Jan P1
Music	N5-AH practical	Music Dept		Mon 16th Jan P2
Music				Mon 16th Jan P3
Music				Mon 16th Jan P4
Music				Mon 16th Jan P5
Music	N5-AH practical	Music Dept		Mon 16th Jan P6
Music	N5-AH practical	Music Dept		Mon 16th Jan P7
Physics (Section 2)	N5 / H	2-051 / 2-052		Tues 17th Jan P1

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Physics (Section 2)	N5 / H	2-051 / 2-052		<b>Tues 17th Jan P2</b>
Physics (Section 2)	N5 / H	2-051 / 2-052		<b>Tues 17th Jan P6</b>
Physics (Section 2)	N5 / H	2-051 / 2-052		<b>Tues 17th Jan P7</b>
Physics (Section 2)	N5	2-052		<b>Wed 18th Jan P1</b>
Physics (Section 2)	N5	2-052		<b>Wed 18th Jan P2</b>
Physics (Section 1)	N5	2-052		<b>Wed 18th Jan P3</b>
Physics (Section 1)	H	2-051		<b>Wed 18th Jan P4</b>
Music				<b>Wed 18th Jan P5</b>
Music	N5-AH practical	Music Dept		<b>Wed 18th Jan P6</b>
Music	N5-AH practical	Music Dept		<b>Wed 18th Jan P7</b>
History	Higher Paper 1	2.016	9	<b>Wed 18th Jan P6</b>
History	Higher Paper 1	2.016	9	<b>Wed 18th Jan P7</b>
History	N5 2 units	2.016	21	<b>Wed 18th Jan P6</b>
History	N5 2 units	2.016	21	<b>Wed 18th Jan P7</b>
Physics (Section 1)	N5	2-052		<b>Thurs 19th Jan P2</b>
English	N5 paper 1	Hall	120	<b>Thurs 19th Jan P3</b>
English	N5 paper 2	Hall	120	<b>Thurs 19th Jan P4</b>
Geography	N5 and Higher	2-020		<b>Thurs 19th Jan P5</b>
Geography	N5 and Higher	2-020		<b>Thurs 19th Jan P6</b>
Music	N5-AH practical	Music Dept		<b>Fri 20th Jan P1</b>
Music	N5-AH practical	Music Dept		<b>Fri 20th Jan P2</b>

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Business Management	AH	2021	3	Friday 20th Jan 10:40 - 12:20
Music		Music Dept		Fri 20th Jan P3
Physics (Section 1)	N5 / H	2-051 / 2-052		Fri 20th Jan P4
English	N5 paper 2	Hall	120	Fri 20th Jan P5
English	N5 paper 2	Hall	120	Fri 20th Jan P6

**Assessment Opportunities Timetable 2023**  
**23rd-27th January 2023 week 3**

SUBJECT	LEVEL	LOCATION	No of PUPILS	DATE & TIME
English + Media Higher Mr Wagner's room (1h 45 min)	Higher paper 1	Hall (1h 30m)	89	Mon 23rd Jan P1
English	Higher paper 1	Hall	89	Mon 23rd Jan P2
History	N5 2 Units S4 Only	2.016	22	Mon 23rd Jan P1
History	N5 2 Units S4 Only		22	Mon 23rd Jan P2
RMPS	Higher	2.014	9	Mon 23rd Jan P1
RMPS	Higher	2.014	9	Mon 23rd Jan P2
RMPS	Higher	2.014	9	Mon 23rd Jan P3
French - Listening	National 5	1.018	2	Mon 23rd Jan P3
Chemistry	Higher and N5	Dance Studio	33	Mon 23rd Jan P3, 4 & 5)
Business Management	N5	2.021		Mon 23rd Jan P6
Business Management	H	2.021		Mon 23rd Jan P7

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History	Higher Paper 1	2.017	11	<b>Tues 24th Jan P1</b>
History	N5 2 Units	2.017	12	<b>Tues 24th Jan P2</b>
Business Management	N5/H	2021		<b>Tue 24th Jan P6/7</b>
PE	Higher	2.001	20	<b>Tues 24th Jan P6</b>
PE	Higher	2.001	20	<b>Tues 24th Jan P7</b>
PE	Nat 5 section 1	2.002	17	<b>Tues 24th Jan P6</b>
PE	Nat 5 section 1	2.002	17	<b>Tues 24th Jan P7</b>
English + Media Higher	Higher paper 2	Hall (1h 30m) Media (1 hour)		<b>Wed 25th Jan P1</b>
English + Media Higher	Higher paper 2	Hall		<b>Wed 25th Jan P2</b>
PE	Nat 5 section 1	2.001 and 2.002	50	<b>Wed 25th Jan P1 and 2</b>
Graphic Communication	National 5	0-049	8	<b>Wed 25th Jan P1 and 2</b>
Admin & IT	N5/H	2021		<b>Wed 25th Jan P6/P7</b>
Art and Design	Higher and National 5	Dance Studio	30 and 33	<b>Wed 25th Jan P6</b>
Art and Design	Higher and National 5	Dance Studio	30 and 33	<b>Wed 25th Jan P7</b>
Maths Paper 1	National 5	Hall (1 hour)	96	<b>Thurs 26th Jan P1</b>
Maths Paper 2 / Applications of Maths	National 5 / Higher	Hall / Computer suite	96 and 12	<b>Thurs 26th Jan P3</b>
Maths Paper 2 / Applications of Maths	National 5 / Higher	Hall / Computer suite	96 and 12	<b>Thurs 26th Jan P4</b>
Photography	Higher	TBC- can't be in dept.	15	<b>Thurs 26th Jan P3</b>
Photography	Higher	TBC- can't be in dept.	15	<b>Thurs 26th Jan P4</b>

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Computing Science	N5 / H/AH	Dance Studio	12	<b>Thurs 26th Jan P5</b>
Computing Science	N5 / H/AH	Dance Studio	12	<b>Thurs 26th Jan P6</b>
Computing Science	N5 / H/AH	Dance Studio	27	<b>Thurs 26th January 12:50 - 14:50</b>
Maths Paper 1 (H) Maths, Paper 1 Apps of Maths (N5)	Higher and N5	Hall Apps = 50mins	(33 and 58) 91	<b>Fri 27th Jan P1</b>
Maths Paper 1 (H) Maths, Paper 1 Apps of Maths (N5)	Higher and N5	Hall H = 1 hour 15mins	(33 and 58) 91	<b>Fri 27th Jan P2</b>
French - Reading & Writing	National 5	1.018	2	<b>Fri 27th Jan P3</b>
French - Reading & Writing	National 5	1.018	2	<b>Fri 27th Jan P4</b>
Graphic Communication	N5 / H	0-055	15	<b>Friday 27th Jan P3 and P4</b>
Maths Paper 2 (H), Apps of Maths Paper 2 (N5)	Higher	Hall	(33 and 58) 91	<b>Fri 27th Jan P5</b>
Maths Paper 2, Apps of Maths Paper 2 (N5)	Higher	Hall	(33 and 58) 91	<b>Fri 27th Jan P6</b>
Physics (Section 2)	N5 / H	2-051 / 2-052		<b>Tues 31st Jan P1 &amp; P2 / P6 &amp; P7</b>
Physics (Section 1)	N5	2-052		<b>Wed 1st Feb P3</b>
Physics (Section 1)	N5	2-052		<b>Thurs 2nd Feb P2</b>
Physics (Section 1)	N5	2-052		<b>Fri 3rd Feb P4</b>
Practical Cookery Practical (PC E1 & PCD)	N5	Kitchen 2/3		<b>Fri 3rd Feb ALL DAY</b>
Practical Cookery QP (PC E1)	N5	Kitchen 2/3		<b>Friday 9th Feb P6/7</b>
Practical Cookery QP (PC D)	N5	Kitchen 2/3		<b>Thursday 8th Feb P1/2</b>

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	Lunchtime							
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<b>Tuesday</b>	Human Biology Miss Watson	Mrs Muir H/AH Music and Music Tech	Mr MacLean N5 Music	Art all levels	Nat 5 English Mrs Bannan/Mr McNeill	N5/Higher Media Mr Wagner		
<b>Wednesday</b>	Human Biology Mrs Macdonald	Mr Dunning Computing N5/H	H.E PC,ELC,PCC ALL STAFF	Mr Millar N5/H Graphics	Mrs Elertowicz Maths	Mrs Muir H/AH Music and Music Tech	Art all levels	Mr MacLean N5 Music
<b>Thursday</b>	Biology Mrs MAcdonald N5	History Mr Petrie n5/H 2.016	Mrs Elertowicz Maths	Mr MacLean N5 Music	Mrs Muir H/AH Music and Music Tech	Art all levels		
<b>Friday</b>	Art all levels							

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Mrs Muir H/AH Music and Music Tech	Mr MacLean N5 Music	Mr Dunning Computing N5/H	Art all levels					
Chemistry - Mrs Niblock	M McCabe Admin & Business	Mr Henderson Computing N5/H Theory	Mr McGinnis Maths	Biology Mrs Macdonald N5	Human Biology Miss Watson	Mrs Muir H/AH Music and Music Tech	Physics Mr Jooty	Art all levels
Chemistry- Ms. Wilson	Biology Miss Connar N5	Mr Dunning Computing N5/H	Mr Wall CAMA	Human Biology Mrs Macdonald	Mr McGinnis Maths	Mrs Muir H/AH Music and Music Tech	Mr MacLean N5 Music	
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