



27 March 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

Easter/Evening Targeted Exam Tuition 2024, SQA Exam Diet 2024 & Study Leave Arrangements

I am writing to update you on the school's plans for exam and study leave during the 2023 SQA examination period. **This year's SQA exam diet will run from Monday 22nd April to Wednesday 29th May 2024.**

Learners will be issued with a copy of '[Your Exams 2024](#)'. Your Exams provides important rules and advice to learners on what to do before, during and after their exams. This booklet contains a Scottish Candidate Number (SCN) card, which can be detached from the back cover. The SCN card should be used by your child to record their details and can be taken into the exam room to help them complete the front of their exam answer booklets correctly.

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Your child may have been targeted and subsequently invited into school to attend a tuition session with a subject specialist. This is an individualised offer for learners who require additional support to reach their potential or are at risk in their subjects. I would strongly encourage your child to engage with this fantastic opportunity to receive small group tuition to maximise their potential going into the SQA exam diet. Some of these opportunities will be between now and the exam diet after school and some throughout the Easter Holidays. There will be provisions for food available to pupils as well as the resources to support their learning session delivered by a subject specialist. Young people should arrive at reception to be met by their teacher.

When is study leave?

As part of our school's ongoing support to all senior phase pupils during the SQA exam period, pupils sitting any National 5, Higher or Advanced Higher SQA exam(s) are entitled to study leave. In line with all secondary schools in Dundee, **study leave will take place from Monday 22nd April until Tuesday 28th May (inclusive)**. Any pupils sitting an SQA exam out with these dates are entitled to study leave the day before their exam, for example, if an SQA exam is on Monday, pupils are entitled to study leave on the previous Friday.

Why do we have study leave?

The aim of study leave is to encourage pupils to take as much responsibility as can reasonably be expected for their own learning, whilst allowing them to study in a manner and pattern that suits them. At Baldragon Academy, we will continue to run our normal timetable throughout the SQA exam period and until our change of timetable on Tuesday 28th May 2024. **This means that all senior phase pupils can continue to access their subjects and teachers as per their current timetable for learning, study or support.**

What if my child has no exams?

Pupils with no exams are expected to attend classes as normal from Monday 22 April to Tuesday 28th May 2024. They will be able to participate in a variety of learning activities which will help develop their skills and prepare for their new classes and the 2024/25 school year.

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What supports are available at Baldragon Academy?

Throughout the SQA exam period, pupils will be able to access supports from their guidance teacher and our support staff. Working with Mrs Duley, pupils can also access the Learning Resource Centre as a quiet space for individual study.

Please remember the National e-Learning offer available for all pupils to support learning and study across all subjects and at all levels throughout the SQA exam diet: <https://education.gov.scot/nelo/>.

Additional information

Pupils must always be in full school uniform when visiting the school during exam leave and for sitting every examination. Furthermore, pupils must not use any area of the school as a social space. Our school is running as normal for all other learners; therefore, it is imperative that their learning experience is not disrupted. Congregating in the dining hall or senior dining area is not allowed. Pupils who are not actively involved in learning or studying in the Learning Resource Centre or actively involved in an exam will be removed from school.

I do hope you find this information useful and helps you, and your child, plan for a very productive SQA exam and study leave.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Neil Dunning
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Baldragon Academy



Baldragon Academy Easter School Timetable 2024

| Monday 1/4/24 | | | | | | | Tuesday 2/4/24 | | | | | | | Wednesday 3/4/24 | | | | | | |
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| Subject | Level | Focus | Time | Staff | Location | Num Pupils | Subject | Level | Focus | Time | Staff | Location | Num Pupils | Subject | Level | Focus | Time | Staff | Location | Num Pupils |
| Business | N5 | Exam Prep | 9-12 | M Neave | 2021 | 20 | Computing | N5 | Exam Prep | 9-12 | D Wall | 2007 | 20 | Chemistry | H | Exam Prep | 9-12 | C. Wilson-Walker | 2030 | 11 |
| Business | H | Exam Prep | 9-12 | C Tringham | 2018 | 20 | Computing | H | Exam Prep | 12-3 | D Wall | 2007 | 20 | Chemistry | N5 | Exam Prep | 12-3 | T.Cameron | 2027 | 25 |
| Admin | N5 | Exam Prep | 12-3 | C Tringham | 2021 | 20 | Art and Fashion | H | Folios | 9 - 3 | M. McGregor | 2062 | 20 | Practical Woodwork | N5 | Practical Activity | 9-3 | Mr Millar | Workshop 1 | 10 |
| Admin | H | Exam Prep | 12-3 | M Neave | 2018 | 20 | Physics | N5 | Exam Prep | 9-12 | G. Jooty | 2051 | 20 | Apps of Maths | H | Exam Prep | 9-12 | Mr McGinnis | 2004 | 9 |
| Games Design | N5 | Exam Prep | 9-12 | D Wall | 2007 | 20 | Physics | H | Exam Prep | 12-3 | G. Jooty | 2051 | 8 | Physical Education | N5 | Portfolio | 9-12 | S Howe | PE Classroom | 8 |
| Games Design | H | Exam Prep | 12-3 | D Wall | 2007 | 20 | Physical Education | All | Exam Prep | 10 - 12 | S McKelvie | PE Classroom | 9 | | | | | | | |
| Music | AH, N5 & H | Composition and exam | 9-3 | A Miemczyk | 0043 | 20 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Music Tech | AH, N5 & H | Composition and exam prep | 9 - 3 | D MacLean | 0042 | 12 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fashion | N5 | Garment and assignments | 12-3 | L. Dolan | 2055 | 6 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Art | H | Folios | 9-12 | P. Mieke | 2059 | 18 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Art | N5 H | Folios | 9-12 | H Anderson | 2054 | 20 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Art | H | Folios | 9-3 | M. McGregor | 2062 | 14 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

| Wednesday 10/4/24 | | | | | | | Thursday 11/4/24 | | | | | | |
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| Subject | Level | Focus | Time | Staff | Location | Num Pupils | Subject | Level | Focus | Time | Staff | Location | Num Pupils |
| HE (All Subjects) | N3 | Portfolios | 9-12 | Miss Cameron | Kitchens/ELCC Room | 10 | Human Bio | H | Exam Prep | All Day | 1 | 2-035 | 20 |
| HE (All Subjects) | N4 | Portfolios | 9-12 | Miss McCash | Kitchens/ELCC Room | 10 | Nat 5 Bio | Nat 5 | Exam Prep | All Day | 1 | 2.037 | 30 |
| HE (All Subjects) | N5 | Portfolios | 9-12 | Mrs Robbie | Kitchens/ELCC Room | 10 | | | | | | | |
| Metalwork | N5 | Workshop/Logbooks | 9-12 | Mr Crawford | Workshop 3 | 10 | | | | | | | |
| Modern Studies | H | KU | 9-12 | Mr Baikie | 2019 | 20 | | | | | | | |
| Modern Studies | N5 | KU | 12-3 | Mr Baikie | 2019 | 20 | | | | | | | |