



19 March 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

Qualifications Scotland Exam Diet, Study Leave Arrangements 2026

I am writing to update you on the school's plans for exam and study leave during the 2026 Qualifications Scotland examination period. **The Qualifications Scotland exam diet will run from Thursday 23 April to Friday 29 May.**

In the coming weeks, learners will be given the opportunity to discuss with their teachers the [Your coursework - Qualifications Scotland](#) publication from Qualifications Scotland. This year, SQA have not issued a physical copy of this publication. Therefore, it is important to ensure that your child, and you, are fully aware of its contents. During year group assembly's links to the publication will be shared as well as important key points. Learners will also be given their Scottish Candidate Number (SCN) card. 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 booklets correctly.

When is study leave?

As part of our school's ongoing support to all senior phase pupils during the Qualifications Scotland 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 Wednesday 22nd April to Friday 29th May 2026** (inclusive). Any pupils sitting an exam out with these dates are entitled to study leave the day before their exam. For example, if an SQA exam is on Friday, pupils are entitled to study leave on the Thursday before.

*National 5 Physical Education, Practical Woodwork and Practical Metalwork do not have an associated exam.

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 26 May 2026. **This means that all senior phase pupils can continue to access their subjects and teachers as per their current timetable for learning, support or study.**

What if my child has no exams?

Pupils with no exams are expected to attend classes as normal from Monday 21st April to Friday 29th May 2026. By following their normal school timetable, 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 2026/27 school year.



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.

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 Qualifications Scotland exam diet: www.education.gov.scot/resource-themes/nelo/.

Achieve

Achieve Learning is a high-quality learning resource which can be found [here](#). It provides course notes, questions and past paper examples along with the relevant solutions. (Class codes can be obtained from the relevant class teacher).

Parents information session – Qualifications Scotland Exam Diet

This session will be open to all families with learners going through the exam diet and will take place on Tuesday 21st April online from 17:30-18:30pm. Please join by following this link:

Join: <https://tinyurl.com/4b4u4ucu>

Meeting ID: 324 547 848 329 37

Passcode: Q3SJ2uf3

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 helpful and supportive. I hope this assists you, and your child to prepare for a very productive Qualifications Scotland Exam Diet and study leave.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs H Ross

Depute Headteacher