



01 April 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

SQA Exam, Study Leave Arrangements & Easter School 2022

I am writing to update you on the school's plans for exam and study leave during the 2022 SQA examination period.
The SQA exam diet will run from Tuesday 26 April to Wednesday 1 June.

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 Tuesday 3 May until Friday 27 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 Monday 30 May 2022. **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 25 April to Friday 27 May 2022. 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 2022/23 school year. Given the challenges of COVID-19, I cannot recommend this approach enough for pupils returning for S5 or S6.

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. Furthermore, our Health & Wellbeing Worker and School Counsellors will be offering weekly health and wellbeing sessions to help and support with any exam anxieties, mindfulness and meditation sessions and relaxation therapies. Pupils should see Mrs Ross and check Twitter to sign up to any of these sessions. 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.



Easter School

Pupils have been signing up for Easter School within their subject areas – details of this overleaf. There will be provisions for food available to pupils as well as the resources to support their learning session delivered by a subject specialist.

Easter Study School Baldragon Academy 10-2pm			
Monday 4th	Art N5/H/AH 10-2pm	Maths N5/H 10-2pm	PE N5/H 10-12pm
Tuesday 5th	Art N5/H/AH 10-2pm		PE N5/H 10-12pm
Monday 11th	N5 English RUAE 10-12pm Higher English RUAE 12-2pm	N5 Practical Cookery & Practical Cake 10-2pm	Chemistry N5/H 10-2pm
Tuesday 12th	N5 English Scottish Text 10-12pm N5 English General Support 12-2pm	Modern Studies 10-2pm	Woodwork and Metalwork N5 10-2pm
Wednesday 13th	N5 English - Critical Essay 10-12pm		

A Head Full of Everything – Presented by Gavin Oattes – Tree of Knowledge Tuesday 5th April 10:30-11:30am
An inspirational hour that will challenge young people’s thinking about screen time, themselves & school, education & exams in general. It will help them get in a different mindset about their studies.

Following the release of his new book, which we have copies of in school for pupils to access, there will be a live presentation on Teams. Pupils will be able to access this using the link below:

Teams joining link:
[Join conversation \(microsoft.com\)](https://teams.microsoft.com/join/conversation)

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,

H McAninch
Headteacher

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Supported Study

Below is the timetable for pupils to attend for supported study, this will continue to be available throughout study leave for pupils to access.

Senior Phase Study												
Lunchtime												
Monday	Maths on request		RMPS	Chemistry on request	Art on request		Graphics N5/H	HFT		Modern Studies on request		
Tuesday	Maths on request	Geography	RMPS	Chemistry on request	Art on request		Graphics N5/H	French N5/H		Modern Studies on request		
Wednesday	Maths on request	Geography	RMPS	Chemistry on request	Art on request		Graphics N5/H			Modern Studies on request		
Thursday	Maths on request	Geography	RMPS	Chemistry on request	Art on request	History N5/H	Graphics N5/H	French N5/H		Modern Studies on request		
Friday	Maths on request	English Mr Wagner N4	RMPS	Chemistry on request	Art on request		Graphics N5/H			Modern Studies on request		
After school												
Monday	Maths on request				Art on request	Chemistry on request		Graphics on request		PE N5/H	N5/H Music Technology 25/04/22	Modern Studies on request
Tuesday	Maths on request	English Miss Riggs Higher	English Miss Falconer N5	Biology N5 Miss Connor	Art on request	Chemistry on request		Graphics on request		PE N5/H		Modern Studies on request
Wednesday	Maths on request	English Mrs Smith Higher/N5	Human Biology Higher Miss Connor		Art on request	Chemistry on request		Graphics on request		PE N5/H	National 4/5 Music 04/05/22	Modern Studies on request
Thursday	Maths on request	English Mrs McCann Higher			Art on request	Chemistry on request		Graphics on request			National 4/5 Music 05/05/22	Modern Studies on request
Friday					Art on request	Chemistry on request	Higher	Graphics on request			H/AH Music 28/04/22 & 04/05/22	Modern Studies on request