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Dear Parent/Carer

SQA Exams

Today sees the first day of the SQA Exams for all S4, S5 and S6 pupils. Last week and prior to the Easter holidays, pupils had assemblies going over the expectations and requirements for the SQA exams which are detailed in their '[Your Exams](#)' booklet which was given to all pupils. A copy of the presentation can be found on the school website in the [Pupil Area](#).

All pupils should also have registered with [MySQA](#) to ensure they have the correct exams and also their personal details are up to date. This is the quickest and most successful method of ensuring exam dates and times are known. Pupils who have additional assessment arrangements such as use of ICT or Extra Time will have been given an individual timetable by Mrs MacKenzie. If once a pupil has checked their MySQA and something is not correct, please contact Mrs Campbell-Robertson (Depute Head Teacher / SQA Co-Ordinator) at the school as a matter of urgency.

As a school, we appreciate that this can be a stressful time for many of our pupils. Details of all supports available, which have been shared with pupils since prelims back in January, can be found in the presentation mentioned above.

The exams taking place over the next six weeks for National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher courses are a chance for all learners to demonstrate their hard work, skills, and knowledge gained over the year. But in the coming weeks whilst pupils are on exam leave, should they need to contact their teachers, they should do so via Glow email to arrange a time to come in if necessary. For pupils who are sitting National 4 courses, teachers may be in touch to arrange times for coming in to complete assessments as some N4 courses have until 25th May to be completed.

It is important that you speak to the school if you cannot attend the exam for any reason so that you get the advice and support you need on next steps. This should preferably be done before the start of the exam that will be missed.



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Pupils can access the following site through their Glow: [Exam stress and study support | \(glowscotland.org.uk\)](https://glowscotland.org.uk) along with the information already hosted on our own school website under the Pupil Wellbeing TAB.

We look forward to welcoming pupils back for our Awards Ceremony in June and, those staying on in Portlethen Academy and moving up a year, inductions will be on 1st and 2nd June before the timetable change on Monday 5th June 2022.

May I take this opportunity to wish all our young people all the very best for their exams and to those who are leaving school, the best of luck in whatever is next in your journey.

Yours sincerely

Kirsty Campbell-Robertson
Depute Head Teacher