

Parent / Carer Information summary – Assessment Strategy 2021-22

Department staff have looked at assessment strategies to support learners this session. In the unlikely event that SQA are unable to complete an exam diet this session, teaching staff will have evidence to support learner certification. All assessments will be conducted under exam conditions. Learners were advised at the start of the session of the need to make best efforts with all assessments through the session.

Higher

Subject	level	Assessment Strategy
Art & Design	H	Prelim diet – SQA standard Practical prelim – new this session – extra evidence, practice and time to complete practical work.
Photography	H	Unit development of skills, Folio + Prelim Folio starts October – following skill building. January Prelim – full Prelim- all aspects of learning
Graphic Communication	H	SQA approved previous units to assessed individual areas. prelim equal to exam. SQA SECURE ASSIGNMENTS AND EXAM (split Prelim if necessary – should have covered all)
Design & Manufacture	H	SQA approved previous units to assessed individual areas. prelim (1 hour) equal to exam SQA SECURE ASSIGNMENTS AND EXAM
Administration	H	All key aspects of learning covered by assessments throughout session. Use of Understanding Standards assignment and exam Theory only End of unit assessments 2 nd Prelim type paper March, dependant on January results – additional evidence
Computing Science	H	End of unit assessments- SQA 2021 paper – September – December SQA Assignment – November - March Prelim – January- moderated in line with Understanding Standards

		Prelim 2 – commercially produced paper, moderated in line with Understanding Standards
Business Management	H	End of unit assessments throughout session Prelim – commercially produced paper, moderated in line with Understanding Standards SQA Assignment – January 2 nd Prelim type paper- SQA 2021 paper
Human Biology	H	Unit assessments throughout session (not used as evidence) Prelim paper– SQA verified Assessment of all 3 units- SQA verified papers- resit available if required – pre-Easter holiday
Environmental Science	H	Unit assessments throughout session (not used as evidence) Prelim paper– SQA verified Assessment of all 3 units- SQA verified papers- resit available if required – pre-Easter holiday
Chemistry	H	Unit assessments throughout session (not used as evidence) Prelim paper– SQA verified Assessment of all 3 units- authority verified papers- resit available if required – pre-Easter holiday
Physics	H	Unit assessments throughout session (not used as evidence) Prelim paper– SQA verified Assessment of all 3 units- authority verified papers- resit available if required – pre-Easter holiday
Geography	H	End of topic tests for all topics Full prelim in January Second prelim in March if time allows
History	H	Timed essay/source questions for each section of the course Full prelim in January Second prelim in March if time allows
Modern Studies	H	Timed essay/source questions for each section of the course Full prelim in January Second prelim in March if time allows
RMPS	H	Morality, Medicine & the Body end of unit assessment Buddhism end of unit assessment Existence of God end of unit assessment

		Likely just paper 1 prelim as will not have covered enough paper 2 content (paper 1 has 4 essay questions, paper 2 only has 1 essay question) Second prelim in March
English	H	End of unit tests- at appropriate points through session Prelim – January – all aspects of learning assessed. Folio – first draft – end of December (marked by SQA)
Music	H	Unit assessments throughout session – (not used as evidence) Prelim – January – Understanding Music – written paper Practical element - November (entire programme)
Music Technology	H	Project 70% - ongoing assessment throughout session Prelim – written paper - January
Modern Languages	H	Prelim – January Reading, Listening & Writing – mirror SQA exam, Writing will be a bit shorter due to timing. 2 nd assessment – March Reading, Listening & Writing – covering all aspects of learning Speaking – assessed in February (Internally assessed for SQA) Additional assessments in class under exam conditions through the session – these will be retained to be used as additional evidence if required PTs across Renfrewshire will liaise to ensure appropriate standards across all assessments.
PE	H	End of unit test – October Prelim – January - all aspects of learning – cross marked within department. 2 nd assessment – full past paper – cross marked within department Performance – February single performance criteria sheet completed
HFT	H	Unit assessments – October, December & March Prelim – January Project – September - December
Care	H	Unit assessments – October, December & March Prelim – January Project – September - April
Leadership	H	Unit assessments: Unit 1 – October Unit 2 – March

		No Prelim paper
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Applications of Maths	Higher	October Test December Test Prelim Exam (2 hours and 30 mins) April Test
Mathematics	Higher	October Test December Test Prelim Exam – Paper 1 is non-calculator (1 hour and 30 mins) and Paper 2 is calculator (1 hour and 45 mins) April Test

Advanced Higher

Subject	level	Assessment Strategy
Art & Design	Ad H	Prelim diet – SQA standard Reduced E/D and dissertation
Biology	Ad H	Unit assessments throughout session (not used as evidence) Prelim paper– SQA verified Assessment of all 3 units- SQA verified papers- resit available if required – pre-Easter holiday
Chemistry	Ad H	Unit assessments throughout session (not used as evidence) Prelim paper– SQA verified Assessment of all 3 units- SQA verified papers- resit available if required – pre-Easter holiday
	Ad H	Prelim in February Dissertation
History	Ad H	Prelim in February Dissertation

English	Ad H	End of unit tests- at appropriate points through session Prelim – January – all aspects of learning assessed. Folio – first draft – end of December (marked by SQA)
Music	Ad H	Unit assessments throughout session – (not used as evidence) Prelim – January – Understanding Music – written paper Practical element - January / February (entire programme)
HFT	Ad H	Unit assessments – October, December & March Prelim – January Project – September - December