

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.

N4 and N5 courses

Subject	level	Assessment Strategy
Art & Design	N4	Units (folio) with SQA modifications. No AVU
	N5	Starter questions Prelim diet – SQA standard Practical – 80% of final grade
Graphic Communication	N4	all units (folio) computer and manual based evidence
	N5	SQA approved previous units to assessed individual areas. prelim equal to exam. SQA SECURE ASSIGNMENTS AND EXAM
Design & Manufacture	N4	Units only
	N5	SQA approved previous units to assessed individual areas. prelim (1 hour) equal to exam but not in time. SQA SECURE ASSIGNMENTS AND EXAM. Must complete SQA determined practical activity. Skill building ongoing to support.
PMW	N5	PRACTICAL ACTIVITY ONLY Skill building Unit evidence – no written exam
PWW	N4	Units only – no AVU Folio collated

	N5	Practical activity only - SQA STANDARD UNITS COMPLETED ON BUILD UP TO SQA ASSIGNMENT
Business & ICT		
Administration	N5	All key aspects of learning covered by assessments. Use of Understanding Standards assignment and exam Sept/ Dec- End of unit assessments completed - (spread of A-C questions) Practical assessments completed 2 nd commercial paper purchased to support update of unit assessments. Dec – Prelim, moderated to ensure SQA standard. January – complete assignment part of the Prelim. March – complete SQA 2021 paper – additional evidence
Computing	N5	End of unit assessments- SQA 2021 paper – October End of unit assessment Databases- SQA 2021 paper – November Prelim – commercial paper – moderated in line with understanding standards documentation. SQA Assignment – February 2 nd Prelim type paper – March – commercially produced paper
Business Management	N5	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
Biology	N4	Assessments throughout session
	N5	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	N4	Assessments throughout session
	N5	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
Physics	N4	Assessments throughout session
	N5	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
Humanities		
Geography	N5	End of topic tests for all topics Full prelim in December Second prelim in March if time allows
History	N5	End of unit tests for all topics Full prelim in December Second prelim in March if time allows
Modern Studies	N5	End of unit tests for all topics Partial prelim in December – two out of three sections Full prelim in March
RMPS	N5	Morality & Justice end of unit assessment Islam end of unit assessment Problem of Suffering & Evil end of unit assessment Full Prelim Second prelim in March if time allows
	N5 S5/6	Morality, Medicine & the Human Body end of unit assessment Buddhism end of unit assessment Existence of God end of unit assessment Likely to be a part prelim as will not have covered enough content on Existence of God topic Second prelim in March
English	N4	Ongoing assessments throughout the session. Previous attainment banked.
	N5	End of unit tests- at appropriate points through session Prelim – paper 1- Close Reading – December Prelim – paper 2 – late January – in class This will allow assessment of all key aspects of learning Folio – first draft – end of December (marked by SQA)
Music	N4	Assessments throughout session
	N5	Unit assessments throughout session – (not used as evidence) Prelim - December – Understanding Music – written paper Practical element - November (entire programme)

Music	Units F3/F4	Continuous assessment throughout session
	NPA	Continuous assessment throughout session
Modern Languages	N4	Continuous assessment throughout year
	N5	<p>Prelim – December</p> <p>Reading, Listening & Writing – mirror SQA exam, Writing will be a bit shorter due to timing.</p> <p>2nd assessment – March</p> <p>Reading, Listening & Writing – covering all aspects of learning</p> <p>Speaking – assessed in February (Internally assessed for SQA)</p> <p>Additional assessments in class under exam conditions through the session – these will be retained to be used as additional evidence if required</p> <p>PTs across Renfrewshire will liaise to ensure appropriate standards across all assessments.</p>
PE	N4	Continuous assessment throughout year
	N5	<p>Portfolio – ongoing across the session</p> <p>December assessment</p> <p>Performance – February single performance criteria sheet completed.</p>
HFT	N5	<p>Unit assessments – October, December & March</p> <p>Prelim – December</p> <p>Project – September - December</p>
Practical cookery	N5	<p>Unit assessments – October, December and March</p> <p>Prelim – December</p>
EECC	N5	<p>Unit assessments- October, December and March</p> <p>No Prelim</p>

Applications of Mathematics	N3	<p>Numeracy Unit Assessment - completed</p> <p>Shape, Space and Measures Unit Assessment - completed</p> <p>Manage Money and Data Unit Assessment - completed</p> <p>Students will also have an opportunity to sit the N4 Numeracy Unit in November 2021</p>
	N4	Numeracy Unit Assessment – December 2021

		Geometry and Measure Unit Assessment – January to March 2022 Statistics and Finance Unit Assessment – April to May 2022 Most students will also have an opportunity to sit the N5 Numeracy Unit
	N5	October Test – Paper 1 is non-calculator and Paper 2 is calculator Prelim Exam – Paper 1 is non-calculator (50 mins) and Paper 2 is calculator (1 hour 40 mins) April Test
Mathematics	N4	Expressions and Formulae Unit Assessment – February 2022 Relationships Unit Assessment – March 2022 Students will also have an opportunity to sit the N5 Numeracy Unit
	N5	October Unit 1 Test (topics 1 - 8) Prelim Exam Units 1/2 (topics 1 - 15) – Paper 1 is non-calculator (1 hour) and Paper 2 is calculator (1 hour 30 mins) February Test Unit 3 (topics 16 - 20) April Test Units 4/5 (topics 21 - 29)