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Dear Parent

SQA EXAMINATIONS - S5/6The SQA examinations begin on **Wednesday 23rd April** and continue until the end of May.

With your co-operation, we would like to operate the following arrangements:

National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher**Study leave period - Monday 20th April until Friday 29th May**

- 1 All SQA pupils in S5/6 will be required to come to school **only for private study or examination purposes**. Can I emphasise that pupils are free to come to school during this period to consult with staff, receive extra tuition etc. Private study facilities will always be available. It is important that pupils perform as well as they possibly can in these examinations. Consequently, I would ask you to ensure that your son/daughter revises conscientiously and uses the time between examinations profitably. During study leave, all departments will offer additional masterclasses to consolidate learning ahead of their exam. The timetable for this will be on *masterclass timetable* in the 'lets get exam ready' link on school website below.
- 2 Pupils still to complete National Certificate Units should continue to attend classes, when not committed to SQA exams.
- 3 Out with the above dates pupils need not attend on the day immediately before taking an examination.
- 4 **New S6 Pupils will return to school on Friday 29th May to Participate in the S6 Leadership Day.** Pupils can dress in casual attire and should report to the social area for 8.50am. **Normal classes will resume on Monday 1st June for S4-S6.** For pupils progressing into S6, a considerable amount of work will be covered between the end of the examinations and the summer holidays. Work covered during that period is not repeated in August and full attendance until the last day of session is essential.



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- 5 All candidates for the SQA Examinations will be issued with individual timetables and Scottish Candidate Numbers. ASN timetables will be issued from the Pupil Support department. A master copy of all examinations is on display in the school Social Area and available from Mrs Martin. I would ask you to ensure that your son/daughter is quite clear about the dates, times and locations of examinations. Should any pupil be prevented by illness from sitting any examination, parents are asked to telephone the School Office as early as possible and obtain a medical certificate which should be sent to us without delay.
- 6 Where an examination begins at 9.00am or before, pupils must register at school, in the Social Area, at **8.40am**. On certain days particular examinations begin after 9.30am and your son/daughter should report for registration at least **20 minutes** before the start of the examination.

Please note that late arrival for an examination may result in entry being refused.

- 7 **The SQA have now stated that mobile phones, smartwatches and Personal Digital Assistants (PDA) will not be allowed into examination rooms. Please ensure that they are left at home. The exception to this is if your child uses their mobile to monitor diabetes. The school have made arrangements to support pupils in this position.**

- 8 **Examination days are normal school days, and normal school uniform should be worn** by all pupils coming to school. I must stress that pupils are not permitted to wear 'hoodies' in the exam. This requirement is enforced by the chief invigilator.

- 9 Pupils in S5 who are due to leave school at the end of May should obtain a leavers form from the School Office. All books and materials must be returned to subject teachers. **Please note that for some subjects, such as Advanced Higher Art and Design and Higher Photography, the submission date is later than the last day of school for S6. Leavers forms for this subject will not be signed until all coursework is complete. This hard deadline is 12th May.**

- 10 Pupils who are part of our consortium offer will sit their examination in the centre they have been learning in unless they have indicated a preference to sit this in Exam at Gleniffer High School. Any pupils who wish to change their venue of examination **must see Mrs Martin by the 20th March**. The changes to examination diet have meant that some pupils have coincidental examinations. Any pupil who is concerned about this impacting them should speak to Mrs Martin in the first instance

- 11 Our '**Let's Get Exam Ready**' link is below. This link is a one stop shop which gives you access to:

- Exam Timetable and Guide
- Masterclass timetable
- Easter School timetable and sign up
- Supported Study offer
- Achieve online learning resource with past papers for a wide range of NQ subjects and levels
- Downloadable/printable study planner
- Guide of 'how to study'
- Sign up link to get Exam results digitally

Link: <https://bit.ly/3P4vIDU>



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Should you wish any further information regarding these arrangements, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Can I also take this opportunity to wish your son/daughter every success in the forthcoming examinations.

Yours sincerely

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