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Senior Phase Assessment Block

Dear Parent/Carer,

The second S4 Assessment Block will take place from the **4th December until the 15th of December**.

Pupils will follow their normal school timetable, and assessment blocks will take place during double periods in the subject which corresponds to their column choice outlined below. There are a couple of exceptions to this, given the nature of the assessment during this block and I have outlined these in this letter.

Expectations:

- Pupils will not be given study leave for these exams and should follow their normal timetable when not undertaking an assessment.
- Pupils should be in full school uniform and come to exams readily equipped (pencils/pens/calculators as appropriate).
- These exams are under exam conditions and therefore pupils will not be allowed to have access to their mobile phones and or smart watches alongside personal belongings (bags/jackets etc.) these will be stored safely in the classroom away from their examination table.

All learners who are entitled to additional arrangements during assessment periods will have this factored into their examinations in class by their class teacher.

Help with studying approaches can be found via this link:

https://www.glenifferhigh.renfrewshire.sch.uk/news/get-exam-ready/

The best advice and support will come from their class teachers; this is where pupils should start with guidance on approaches for their subject area. Pupils will be able to collect Study Planners from the social area each morning from Monday 23/11/26 until Friday 27/11/26. Pupils should now all have

access to the ACHIEVE learning resource. This is a digital resource which will support with studying at home. Finally, our Supported Study programme is available on our social media platforms.

Assessment Calendar:

Assessment Block 2	COLUMNS
DATES/DAYS	S4
FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER	G(P1 AND 2) F(P5 AND 6) MATHS ONLY
MONDAY 7TH DECEMBER	
TUESDAY 8TH DECEMBER	G (P3 AND 4)* B(6 AND 7)
WEDNESDAY 9TH DECEMBER	E (3 AND 4)*
THURSDAY 10TH DECEMBER	A(6 AND 7)*
FRIDAY 11TH DECEMBER	C (3 AND 4) F(5 AND 6)
MONDAY 14TH DECEMBER	D(1 AND 2)
TUESDAY 15TH DECEMBER	PRACTICAL COOKERY (A AND E)

Subjects in each column:

Column A	Column B	Column C	Column D	Column E	Column F	Column G
Art and Design	Art and Design	Admin and IT	Biology	Computing Science	English	English
Barista	Biology	Biology	Business Management	Geography	Maths	Maths
Early Education and Childcare	Chemistry	Business Management	Environmental Science	Health and Food Technology	Apps of Maths	Apps of Maths
Graphic Communication	History	Chemistry	Music	History		
Modern Studies	Modern Studies	Computing Science	Physics	Practical Cookery		
Practical Cookery	Physics	French	Spanish	Photography		
PE	Practical Woodwork	PE		Practical Woodwork		
		RMPS				

Some subjects appear in multiple columns,' this corresponds with the options your child has chosen. Your child's assessment will take place during their normal timetabled periods. Weeks 1,2 and 3 are illustrated below:

Assessment timetable by week:

WEEK 1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
MONDAY							
TUESDAY							
WEDNESDAY							
THURSDAY							
FRIDAY	G* MATHS PAPER 1 ONLY				F* MATHS PAPER 1 ONLY		

WEEK 2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
MONDAY							
TUESDAY			G*	G*		B	B
WEDNESDAY			E*	E*			
THURSDAY						A*	A*
FRIDAY			C	C	F*	F*	

WEEK 3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
MONDAY	D	D					
TUESDAY	A + E* PRACTICAL COOKERY ONLY						
WEDNESDAY							
THURSDAY							
FRIDAY							

Assessment Exceptions:

- **Column G** – English only will take place on Tuesday during Period 3 and Period 4. Pupils who normally have English in Column G *(the Monday P5 and 6 classes)* will report to the English Department immediately after break. They will be extracted from their normal timetabled class to allow this assessment to take place over 2 periods.
- **Column G** – Maths will be made up of 2 papers. The first paper will take place for Column G on Friday 4th Period 1 and 2. Pupils will remain in Maths rather than reporting to their P2 class. The second paper will take place on Tuesday during Period 3 and Period 4. Pupils who normally have Maths in Column G *(the Monday P5 and 6 classes)* will report to the Maths Department immediately after break. They will be extracted from their normal timetabled class to allow this assessment to take place over 2 periods.
- **Column F** – Maths will be made up of 2 papers. The first paper will take place for Column F on Friday 4th (P5 and 6) and the second paper on Friday 11th (P5 and 6). This is when pupils normally have Maths.

- **Column A and E** Practical cookery is an all-day assessment during this block. This will take place at the end of the assessment block on the final Tuesday. All other column A and E subjects will take place in week 2.
- **Music – This is a listening paper and therefore each level needs to be spread out. Please check with class teacher date if unsure.**

On the adjacent page, the specific topics to be covered have been indicated to give direction into the areas to be covered for each subject assessment

If you have any further questions about this, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind Regards

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