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Dear Parent/Carer,

## S5/6 WINTER ASSESSMENT DIET & SQA UPDATE – REVISED ARRANGEMENTS

In line with the Scottish Government's recent announcement regarding the later opening of schools in January, we are now writing to update you on our revised dates for our S5/6 Winter Assessment Diet and the removal external examinations for Higher and Advanced Higher courses.

The winter assessment diet is still taking place and broadly across a similar timescale. Please note the following information in relation to our amended timetable:

- week 2 commencing 21 December, there are no changes to assessments taking place.
- week's 3 and 4 will now become week 3, commencing 18 January, these assessment weeks have now been combined
- these arrangements have been updated and are reflected in the timetable document on pages 2 and 3 of this letter.

Please ensure that your child is aware of these changes and is utilising the additional time available to focus on preparing for their assessments. If further change is required, we will contact you as appropriate.

You will be aware that earlier this month the Scottish Government announced that external examinations for Higher and Advanced Higher would no longer go ahead. Currently, we are awaiting further guidance from SQA on the detail of an alternative certification model however; we expect that this will be similar to that of National 5. It is anticipated that teachers will provide provisional results based on their professional judgement. Judgements will be made using a range of assessment evidence including class tests, extended assessments and practical performance. Teachers will submit provisional awards to SQA who will have a key role in quality assurance before agreeing final results.

We understand that removing formal examinations may increase the anxiety for some young people but we will focus on a planned and measured approach to ensure young people feel supported and are not overwhelmed in what has been an already very challenging year for them. As we receive more information from SQA, we will continue to update you.

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## S5/6 WINTER ASSESSMENT DIET – session 20/21

<b>Week 1</b> – week commencing Monday 14 December							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
<b>MON</b>	E	E					
<b>TUES</b>	D	D					
<b>WED</b>	D						
<b>THUR</b>					C	C	
<b>FRI</b>	A	A					

<b>Week 2</b> – week commencing Monday 21 December							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
<b>MON</b>			B	B			

<b>Week 3</b> – week commencing Monday 18 January							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
<b>MON</b>			B	B			
<b>TUES</b>							
<b>WED</b>							
<b>THUR</b>					C	C	
<b>FRI</b>	A	A					

### Week 1

#### **Monday 14 December - Col E**

Higher: Art & Design, Biology, Business, Chemistry, Classics, Drama, Mod Studies, Music, PE, Physics

Nat 5: Art & Design, Chemistry, Drama, Music, Physics, Practical Cookery, Practical Electronics, Practical Woodworking

#### **Tuesday 15 December - Col D**

Higher: Accounting, Admin & IT, Business, Chemistry, Computing, French, Music, PE, Personal Development

Nat 5: Business, Computing, French, History, Music, PE, Practical Metalwork, Tourism

#### **Wednesday 16 December - Col D**

Higher: French (paper 2)

N5: French (paper 2)

#### **Thursday 17 December - Col C**

Ad Higher: Music

Higher: Admin & IT, Biology, Geography, Graphic Communication, History, Modern Studies, Music, Physics, Spanish

N5: Admin & IT, Biology, Graphic Communication, Modern Studies, Music, Photography, Spanish

#### **Friday 18 December - Col A**

Ad Higher: Music

Higher: Business, Classical Studies, English, Maths

N5: English, Maths

### Week 2 (no change)

#### **Monday 21 December - Col B *P3 commences at 10.55, pupils in this column/assessment slot will follow the BGE interval slot***

Ad Higher: French, Maths

Higher: English, Maths, Politics

N5: Maths

N5: Maths Numeracy

**Week 3 (previous week's 3 and 4 combined)**

**Monday 18 January - Col B P3 commences at 10.55, pupils in this column/assessment slot will follow the BGE interval slot**

Ad Higher: Maths (paper 2)

Higher: English, Maths (paper 2)

N5: Maths (paper 2)

**Thursday 21 January - Col C**

Higher: Spanish (paper 2)

N5: Spanish (paper 2)

**Friday 22 January - Col A**

Higher: English, Maths (paper 2)

N5: English, Maths (paper 2)

**Please note weeks commencing 11 and 18 January work will progress in subjects in columns C, D and E (with the exception of Spanish), while revision and assessment work takes place in English and Mathematics.**