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Dear Pupil

S5/6 SQA prelims and S4/5/6 structured assessments – protocols

As you will be aware, based on the Depute First Minister's statement in October, there will be no National 5 exams in session 20/21.

In order to collect evidence for estimate grades, your teachers will be carrying out a series of structured assessments between now and the middle of March. This will require you to complete between 2-4 key assessments over this period, with the majority of these assessments being when 70%, or more, of the coursework has been completed. We are currently collating dates for these National 5 assessments and will issue these to you prior to Christmas.

S5/6 prelims commence on 2 December and will run until 10th December. The timetable for these can be accessed [here](#).

For all structured assessments and prelims, which will be invigilated by your class teachers, you will be asked to place your school bag under your desks and ensure your phone is switched off and placed in your bag (or left in a box at the front of the classroom). I would like to take this opportunity to highlight that devices such as phones cannot be used at any point during a structured assessment and/or exam. This is the same rule that applies for all SQA exams and supports validity and reliability in the marking of prelim papers or assessments.

These assessments and prelims are important and you should be studying for these in a steady and measured way to ensure you perform at your best in these. We understand that this method does not suit all of you as some like this approach of continuous assessment, whereas others of you like the last minute cramming for final exams. The important consideration in all of this is that we support all of you to do your best and ensure we have evidence that reflects your ability in each of your subjects.

To support your study you should be accessing [Scholar UK](#) and [SQA \(past papers\)](#); [SQA \(subject content to work through topics\)](#) and also your Google Classrooms. Attending lunchtime or after school [study sessions](#) will also support you with your study and provide an opportunity for further support with areas you may be less confident in. If you need support with organising a study timetable please speak to your Pupil Support Leader.

Best wishes

Ms Cook