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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

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 exams for National 5 candidates in session 20/21.

In order to collect evidence for estimate grades, we will be carrying out a series of structured assessments between now and the middle of March. This will require your young person 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 pupils, and parents/carers, 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 class teachers, pupils will be asked to place their school bag under their desks and ensure their phone is switched off and placed in their 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.

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

Thank you for your support with the afore mentioned.

Kind regards

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