



# Knox Academy

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Dear Parent/ Carer (s),

## Higher and Advanced Higher Prelims

As previously shared in a letter to parents/carers last week, our planned diet of prelims for Higher/Advanced Higher will take place from Wednesday 2nd until Thursday 10th December 2020.

Wed 2nd	Thurs 3rd	Fri 4th	Mon 7th	Tues 8th	Wed 9th	Thurs 10th
Column G P 1 & 2	Column D P 1 & 2		Column C P1 & 2	Column F 2 & 3		Column E P6 & 7
8:40 - 10:20	8:40 - 10:20		8:40 - 10:20	9:30 - 11:10		13:45 - 15:25
Admn Higher	BusM Adv High	Study day	Biol Higher	Biol Higher	Study day	Chem Higher
ArtD Higher	Chem Adv High		Biol Adv High	Comp Adv High		DMan Adv High
ArtD Adv High	Comp Higher		Dram Higher	HBio Higher		Dram Adv High
BusM Higher	DMan Higher		Econ Higher	Hist Adv High		Fren Adv High
Chem Higher	Engl Higher		Engl Higher	Math Higher		Math Higher
Engl Higher	Engl Adv High		Geog Higher	ModS Adv High		ModS Higher
Geog Adv High	Fren Higher		Phot Higher	Musi Adv High		Musi Higher
Hist Higher	GCom Higher		PhotNP	Psyc Higher		PE Higher
Ital Adv High	ModS Higher		Phys Higher	RMPs Adv High		Phys Adv High
Mand Higher						
Math Adv High						
Psyc Higher						

We are offering a 'flexible' approach to study during the duration of the prelims to ensure that pupils maximise the time available to prepare for these.

- If a pupil has a Higher/Advanced Higher prelim, they should attend school on that day. If they do not have a prelim on this day they can study in a place of their own choosing e.g. at home or by attending their normal timetabled classes, where this time will be given over to study/support from their teacher.
- If a pupil is in S5/S6 and is doing a mixture of National 5/Higher subjects, they should attend their National 5 classes unless they have a prelim on that day.
- For those pupils who are on home-school transport, they are welcome to attend their normal timetabled classes after/before their higher prelim exam and use this time for study/support from their teacher.
- On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December, pupils can elect to study from home, but are welcome to attend their timetabled classes if this would help them with their revision.

Pupils with Additional Assessment Arrangements will be contacted by Dr Lyon (PT SfL) who will arrange specific details, for example if they require separate accommodation or extra time.

In line with minimising groups together, where possible we plan to use the pupils' classes and normal classrooms for assessments rather than the school hall, with teachers invigilating their own class. We also hope this will reduce anxiety, particularly for those undergoing their first formal assessments in their senior phase. Over the coming days, class teachers will also be talking through how to create a study plan, explaining what the prelim will include and how best to revise in each specific subject area. Pupils will continue to be encouraged to attend study sessions in school if that would be helpful. More resources than ever are also available online and can really support preparation for assessments. We would suggest using these to support study [E-sgoil](#) (Glow user name and password required); [Scholar UK](#), [SQA \(past papers\)](#); [SQA \(subject content to work](#)

through topics) and [BBC Bitesize](#) and [Oak National Academy](#). Support for study skills and creation of study plans can also be accessed [here](#).

Following prelims there will be rigorous moderation, and there will be time for teachers to identify next steps in learning. It is also worth noting that the Parents Evening for S5/S6 will be Virtual Online Meetings using GoogleMeet from 5 – 7pm on 11 January 2020. This will allow a discussion on prelim performance and next steps in learning to support progress.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with your pupil support leader.

Yours sincerely



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