Ref: CB/ja

Date: November 2018

Dear Parent/ Carer

NATIONAL 5 COMPUTING SCIENCE

I wanted to take this opportunity to share some important information in relation to National 5 Computing Science.

The National 5 Computing Science course is assessed through the following components:

Component	Marks
Question paper	110
Assignment	50

Question Paper

The question paper will focus on assessing reading, understanding and explaining code. This is the formal Examination component of the Course and lasts two hours. This is the formal Examination component of the Course and lasts two hours. The question paper has a total mark allocation of 110 marks; this is 69% of the overall marks for the course assessment.

Assignment

SQA creates a new assessment task for Candidates to complete each academic year which, once complete, are sent to the SQA to be marked. It is an open-book assessment meaning Candidates can access resources such as programming manuals, class notes, textbooks and programs they have written throughout the course. Candidates have 8 hours to carry out the assignment and as you will see below in 'Key Dates' this will not be a continuous 8-hour session.

Home Learning

As per the School Policy, Home Learning tasks will be issued at least twice per term and will be posted on Show my Homework. If you have the Parent code you too can get notifications of due dates. Contact the School Office should you require this.

Key Dates

Assignment -   Friday 1 March 2019, 0854 – 1254, with the remaining 4 hours taking place the following week.

Question Paper -   Wednesday 22 May, 0900 - 1100

I hope that you found this letter informative but do contact me via the School Office should you wish to discuss anything further.

Yours Sincerely

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