



23 March 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

S4-S6 Qualifications Scotland Information and Exam Leave 2026

Pupils in S4-S6 are currently completing their courses and preparing for final exams. Please find some important information for the coming weeks together with key dates below.

Exam Leave Information

Please find overleaf the key dates for S4-S6 pupils during the Qualifications Scotland exam diet. Exam leave for pupils is granted for revision purposes and pupils can choose to work at home. However, study facilities will be available in school and pupils should make arrangements with their teacher to find out when they can come into school for support. When pupils come in to school for study purposes, they should wear uniform and sign in at the school office. Pupils studying four or more National 5s have full exam leave, as do all S5 and S6 pupils. Pupils with one, two or three National 5s are entitled to two days before each exam for study and also the day of the exam.

Meaningful May

Pupils studying qualifications without exams (National 1-4, NPA, Skills for Work courses) will complete any outstanding work immediately after the Easter break. There will be an alternative timetable for pupils who are not on study leave. This is also a time for work experience which can be self-found or supported through our Pupil Support Leaders. The S4 Year Team will give further details in due course.

Study Support/Immersion Programme/Easter School

As in previous exam years, we will have study support prior to each exam which pupils can attend in the lead up to their exam. Each department will highlight to pupils the arrangements for these sessions and we will send the information home in our Craigmount Update before the Easter holiday. Our Easter revision sessions will run from Tuesday 7 April to Thursday 9 April. Pupils can sign up to these sessions via a Form on their Year Team page. In addition to our in school programme, e-Sgoil are offering online revision sessions which are free to pupils and registration is open via their [website](#).

Individual Exam Timetables

On **Tuesday 21 April**, all S4-S6 exam pupils will receive a copy of their Qualifications Scotland Individual Timetable. This will contain specific information for every pupil about their exam room and their exam seat number. If there are any issues, then pupils must contact their Pupil Support Leader. They should also have signed up to [My Qualifications Scotland](#) through the Qualifications Scotland website and be working through their revision plan for the upcoming exams.

Assessment Arrangements

We are finalising our Alternative Assessment Arrangements with pupils and parents/carers. If a pupil is eligible for Alternative Assessment Arrangements the parent/carers received an email confirming the arrangements by subject/exam. We do require a confirmation of receipt from parents/carers so please reply to this email when you receive it.



Exam Estimates and Tracking Reports

We will issue the tracking reports which will give parents/carers/pupils a final opportunity to see progress, effort and behaviour before the Easter break. This will contain the final level the pupil will be presented at this year together with their Working Grade, which will be the teacher estimated grade for their exam.

Exceptional Circumstances

Occasionally, incidents in life can occur which can impact on a pupil's ability to attend their exam. In these extreme circumstances (usually caused by illness or family bereavement) the school can make a submission to Qualifications Scotland through the Exceptional Circumstances service. If your child is affected by an exceptional circumstance during the Qualifications Scotland exam diet, please contact your child's Pupil Support Leader to discuss this as a matter of urgency. The Exceptional Circumstances service requires verified documentation from a professional such as a doctor and we can provide you with more guidance if this is required. This must be with us within five days of the exam date. Any application out with this timeframe will not be considered. The candidates must have completed all non-examinable parts of the course. Full details of this service can be found on the [Qualifications Scotland website](#).

Key Dates

S4/S5 Leavers Celebration – Wednesday 1 April (Periods 6 & 7)

S6 Celebration – Thursday 2 April (Periods 2 & 3)

S4-S6 Year Team Exam Briefings – Tuesday 31 March (S4) and Wednesday 1 April (S5/S6)

Final Tracking Report – Prior to Easter break

Easter Revision Sessions – Tuesday 7 April – Thursday 9 April

Summer Term Begins – Tuesday 21 April

S4 - S6 Study Leave Begins – Thursday 23 April (except for pupils sitting an exam in Spanish or Geography who can choose to start their study leave the day before their first exam)

May Holiday for Pupils – Monday 4 & Tuesday 5 May

Victoria Day Holiday – Monday 18 May

S6 Induction – Thursday 28 May (at Napier University)

S5 Induction – Friday 29 May

New Timetable – Monday 1 June

Yours sincerely

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