



Breadalbane Academy

S4-6 SQA Assembly - Prelims

Thursday 9th December 2021



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Focus

- Preliminary examination timetable
- Preparation for exams
- Your Coursework



SQA Update

Five things you need to know for 2022

1

The current plan is for exams to take place in 2022.

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SQA has already made changes to your course assessments for 2021-22 that take account of the current levels of disruption to your learning. If there is more national disruption to learning and teaching this year, we may provide information to help you revise for your exams.

3

If, because of public health restrictions, the Scottish Government decides to cancel the 2022 exams, your teachers or lecturers will decide a provisional result for each of your subjects.

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Your provisional result would be based on your assessment work during the year, so you should not be asked to sit any additional assessments to determine your provisional result.

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Help is available if you need additional support. Speak to your teachers or lecturers for more information about these arrangements.

Prelim timetable



- Prelim diet will run from Monday 10th January to Tuesday 25th January inclusive
- Emailed to parents / carers
- Posted on notice board section of Satchel One
- Posted on the School Website
- Issued on paper to all pupils



Prelim timetable and arrangements

- Highlight your prelim timetable so that you know when and where your exams will take place
- Additional Assessment Arrangements: pupils will be given an individual timetable
- Exam Clashes: to be identified and alternative times for sitting exams to be agreed
- If you are not in an exam go to class
- School uniform should be worn at all times
- Some afternoon exams may require you to take an early lunch

Prelim diet arrangements – practical



- Music Practical exams will take place on Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th January (individual time allocations)
- Art & Design and Photography Practical assessments will take place all day on Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th January



On the day of your exam



- Know where you are going – exam location (usually Assembly Hall)
- Check your seat number – notice boards outside the assembly hall
- Be 10 minutes early – most of the morning exams start at 9.15am. Go to registration first.
- The exam time stated in the timetable is when the exam starts
- You must sit in your assigned seat
- Be prepared and bring all of the equipment you require (including a calculator if the exam allows this)



Exam rules (SQA)

You cannot take the following into the exam:

- Bags / coats – please use your locker
- Books / Notes
- Pencil cases
- Fizzy juice, bottles with labels or food
- Electronic devices – phone, tablet, smart watches etc.



During your exam

- Listen to invigilators instructions
- Read questions / instructions fully
- Plan your time properly
- Answer all questions as fully as possible
- Focus on your own work
- Do not talk, distract others or cause disturbance
- No toilet breaks
- Check over your work before the end of the exam



What if.....

- I'm running late?
- I'm ill and can't make it to my exam?
- I forget something to write with?
- I don't know where to sit?



SQA Guidance for portfolios, projects and assignments (coursework)



Coursework is a chance to show what you know and gain marks that could make a big difference to your final grade.



You can use many different sources, but you cannot copy material and include it as your own. This is called **plagiarism** and it is cheating. Sources must be referenced.



Your coursework may include you working alone or as part of a group. If you work with others when you should be working alone, this could be classed as **collusion** and is breaking the rules.



Written coursework must be legible. You may need an additional assessment arrangement, such as use of ICT, to ensure you get the marks you deserve.

Your Coursework



Some coursework will have a maximum word count. Some coursework will require resource sheets, which must be included in your submission to ensure marks are not lost.



Deadlines will be set by your teachers. You must meet these deadlines or talk to your teacher if you are struggling.



You will sign a declaration before sending coursework to SQA. This includes confirming you have read "Your National Qualifications" booklet.



Do not break the rules. Consequences range from losing marks to cancelled qualifications.



If in any doubt, ask your teachers. We all want to do well and enjoy your SQA courses.

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