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Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: SQA Examinations and Study Leave Arrangements for S4, S5 and S6 - 2023

I am writing to provide you with information regarding the upcoming SQA exams, study leave arrangements and change of timetable details. During study leave pupils are not required to attend school unless they are accessing Exam Preparation Sessions (see below).

- **Exam Leave Entitlement – S4**

It has been agreed that all pupils sitting three exams or more will be entitled to full study leave. Pupils sitting 1 or 2 exams will be given partial study leave, where pupils may choose to take **up to five days out** of school for revision at home prior to the exam day (final arrangement to be agreed nearer the time). Pupils with no exams to sit are required to attend school, as normal, until all coursework for current courses is complete. Once this has been achieved, they will start new National Qualification courses (new timetable) as part of our Integrated Senior Phase.

- **Exam Leave Entitlement – S5 and S6**

Most pupils in S5 and S6 are entitled to full study leave. Pupils with no exams to sit are required to attend school as normal.

- **Easter Study School**

Easter Revision sessions will take place **in school** during the 2-week Easter holiday. A programme of the subjects and levels on offer is attached. Pupils will be asked to **sign up** for these sessions on **Wednesday 15th March (MS Form on Teams)** and registration will close on **Friday 24th March**. Link to MS Form - <https://forms.office.com/e/FfxBeF4J5g>

Pupils will be expected to make their own transport arrangements. Young people under the age of 22 are entitled to free travel, so should ensure they have a new Young Scot card that includes this free entitlement ([Free bus travel for under-22s | Transport Scotland](#)).

- **SQA Support Materials**



You can access all SQA support documents directly from the National Qualification subject pages of the SQA website at www.sqa.org.uk/ngsubjects. Learners can access the revision support from Ushare — the SQA's free online platform where users can share open-source revision materials and teaching resources that support SQA qualifications. [Visit Ushare](#)

- **National e-Learning Offer: e-Sgoil Easter Study Support**

Education Scotland, in partnership with e-Sgoil, is also running a series of study support webinars for learners working towards National Qualifications in 2023. Details are available from the e-Sgoil website at <https://www.e-sgoil.com/study-support>

There are additional online high quality study support resources. These include the ongoing evening Study Support offer from e-Sgoil; thousands of recorded lessons by Scottish teachers and a range of mental health and wellbeing resources. These can all be accessed from the following link - <https://education.gov.scot/nelo/>

e-Sgoil Study Support will run between April 3rd and 14th 2023 and comprises live, interactive webinars delivered by experienced, GTCS registered teachers. 30 different courses are on offer, with webinars covering N4, N5, H and AH levels. The service is free to all learners. Registration for e-Sgoil Easter Study Support opens on 1st March. The following links will give access to the Easter Study Support timetable, registration form, and a range of supporting documents:

<https://e-sgoil.com/easter-study-support-2023/>

[Individual ESS TTs \(Flyer \(Portrait\)\) \(e-sgoil.com\)](#)

- **Scholar**

Scholar provides learning materials and revision support for various online courses aligned to the SQA curriculum at National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher level. They have recently published their [Learning with SCHOLAR](#) video for senior phase learners, explaining how to access and use SCHOLAR to support learning and revision. Senior pupils can access Scholar via their GLOW launch pad.

- **Independent Study and Exam Preparation Sessions**

Throughout the exam diet, independent study can be completed at home or in school. During study leave pupils are requested to attend Exam Preparation Sessions that are delivered by subject teachers prior to the exam. They are invaluable in providing additional support, advice, and guidance to pupils in the run up to exams. A full timetable of Exam Preparation Sessions will be issued as well as a **personalised exam timetable** detailing the exact dates, times and locations of every exam a pupil is sitting before the Easter holiday. Our school is a normal working environment throughout the study leave period so whenever a pupil is in school for an exam, independent revision, or Exam Preparation Sessions, they are required to be in **full school uniform**.

- **Exam Diet and Return Date**

The SQA exam diet at Breadalbane Academy begins on **Monday 24th April 2023**. Study leave will begin on this date and will run until **Tuesday 30th May 2023**. All pupils with full study leave will return to school on **Wednesday 31st May 2023** and begin following their new timetable of subjects they wish to study next session.

- **Induction Day**

An induction day will take place for new S5 pupils on **Wednesday 31st May 2023** and for new S6 pupils on **Thursday 1st June 2023**. School uniform is not required for pupils on the day of their induction.

- **Leavers Information**

Pupils leaving at the end of S4 or S5 and all S6 leavers should ensure they complete and submit a Leavers Form after their final exam. This form must be **checked and signed** by subject and guidance teachers.

If you would like any further information at this time, please contact breadalbane@pkc.gov.uk.

Yours faithfully,

Lorna Libreri
Depute Head Teacher, School Improvement



SQA Examinations and Study Leave Key Dates 2023

Tuesday 18th April	SQA Assembly
Friday 21st April	Last day of timetabled classes before study leave begins.
Monday 24th April	SQA exam diet begins.
Tuesday 9th May	New timetable commences for S4 pupils with no exams (following completion of coursework for current courses).
Monday 24th April to Tuesday 30th May	Study Leave arrangements.
Wednesday 31st May	New timetable commences for all new S5 and S6 pupils. S5 Induction Day
Thursday 1st June	S6 Induction Day