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Dear Parent/Carer

### **SQA Examinations and Study Leave Arrangements for S4, S5 and S6 - 2024**

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. 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 has been shared with pupils, parents and carers. A copy of attached. Pupils have been asked to **sign up** for these sessions on **by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March**. Link to MS Form - <https://forms.office.com/e/GaYTDSTggA>. 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/nqsubjects](http://www.sqa.org.uk/nqsubjects). 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>.

e-Sgoil Study Support will run between April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> 2024 and comprises live, interactive webinars delivered by experienced, GTCS registered teachers. The service is free to all learners. Registration for e-Sgoil Easter Study Support required a Glow login. The following links will give access to the Easter Study Support timetable, registration form, and a range of supporting documents:

[Easter Study Support | e-Sgoil](#)

- **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 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, (if they are available and do not have an exam on that day), 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 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024**. Study leave will begin on this date and will run until **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2024 (inclusive)**. All pupils with full study leave will return to school on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2024** and begin following their new timetable of subjects they wish to study next session, following a brief induction for new S5 and S6 pupils.

- **Leavers Information**

Young people 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. They must return their **lockers keys** to the reception when handing in their leavers form, after which refunds will be issued via ParentPay.

If you would like any further information at this time, please contact [breadalbane@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:breadalbane@pkc.gov.uk).

Yours faithfully



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### **SQA Examinations and Study Leave Key Dates 2024**

<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April</b>	SQA Assembly
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Last day of timetabled classes before study leave begins.
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	SQA exam diet begins.
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	New timetable commences for <b>S4 pupils with no exams</b> (following completion of coursework for current courses).
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April to Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May (inclusive)</b>	Study Leave arrangements.
<b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May</b>	New timetable commences for all new <b>S5 and S6 pupils</b> .