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Dear Parent/Carer

Qualifications Scotland (QS) Examinations and Study Leave Arrangements for S4, S5 and S6 - 2026

I am writing to provide you with information regarding the upcoming QS 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 School**

Easter School will take place **in school** during the 2-week Easter holiday**.** A programme of the subjects and levels on offer has previously been shared with pupils and parents/carers. Young people have been asked to **sign up** for these sessions **by Friday 20th March**. Link to MS Form - Easter Study School 2026 - SIGN UP FORM – Fill in form. They will be expected to make their own transport arrangements and provide their own lunch. 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).

- **QS Support Materials**

You can access all SQA support documents directly from the National Qualification subject pages of the SQA website at National Qualifications (NQ) - homepage - Qualifications Scotland. 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**

e-Sgoil Study Support will run between **6th and 10th April 2026,** 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 requires 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

e-Sgoil Senior Phase also offers various supports such as learning spaces, study skills and exam mindset guides. You can find these resources here - Senior Phase | 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 a new information leaflet designed to help parents and carers support their children as they prepare for National Qualifications. This leaflet highlights Scholar's comprehensive curriculum coverage and explains how it can make a real difference to senior phase learners working towards SQA exams. Scholar Parent and Carer Leaflet. Senior pupils can access Scholar via their GLOW launch pad.

- **Achieve**

Breadalbane Academy has subscribed to a senior phase online resource called ACHIEVE. This resource is designed for Scottish students, offering online digital courses that are broken down into key topics and concepts, each clearly explained and illustrated. There are hundreds of links to free resources and SQA exam questions and solutions. Online assessments can be used to test understanding and help identify strengths and areas for improvement. Regular use of ACHIEVE helps to boost confidence and supports young people to pass exams with better grades.
This link takes you to all 67 ACHIEVE courses at National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher. Young people who do not already have an account can sign up at https://achieve.hashtag-learning.co.uk. When signing up for an ACHIEVE account, young people should enter the School Code **od9HGPpH**.

- **Live N Learn – Mindset For Exams Study Support Material**

In Septembers, learners in S3-5 experienced an extended workshop focussing on a variety of practical and effective study tools, and techniques required to achieve exam success. As part of this package, Live N Learn provide learners, parents and carers access to resources on their portal. **You can access these online resources here Portal | Live-N-Learn, Passcode: SP2021.**

- **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), which 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 is **attached to this letter**. All young people with exams will be issued with a **personalised exam timetable** detailing the exact dates, times and locations of every exam they are 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 QS exam diet at Breadalbane Academy begins on **Wednesday 22nd April**. Study leave will begin on **Tuesday 21st April** and will run until **Thursday 28th May 2026 (inclusive)**. All pupils with full study leave will return to school on **Monday 1st June 2026** and begin following their new timetable of subjects they wish to study next session.

- **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.

Yours faithfully

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