

Hermitage Academy



SQA Update – 26 March 2021

Senior Phase Assessment

Consolidation of learning has been on-going this week in preparation for Assessments for S4/5/6 which will be held after the Spring Break to the schedule shown in the table overleaf. To ensure that assessments are evenly spread out a schedule has been established by timetable column of when these will be completed. This is not an attempt to replicate an exam or prelim diet but to make sure that young people and their families know when key assessment tasks will be and to provide you with an equitable structure that ensures we limit the number of assessments in any one week. We also hope that this will help to reduce any increased anxiety that our young people will be feeling at this time.

Young people who are entitled to additional assessment arrangements will receive a timetable outlining their individual arrangements next week – assessments will run to the same schedule.

For young people in S4/5/6 there will be a maximum of 2 assessments in each subject. During the consolidation period class teachers will provide pupils with information about the format and broad content ie topics/skills to be assessed in each assessment. Assessments will cover all of the course content, including that delivered during the period of online learning. For pupils in S5/6 assessments will be held in class within a double period. For pupils in S4 assessments will be held in class and may be run in a single period, or over 2 single periods, depending on the format of the assessment for each subject. Class teachers will provide S4 pupils with this information.

Your young person's timetable is the easiest source of information to identify which assessment is on which day. The assessments take place within classes therefore if your young person has an assessment, just as an example, on Monday Period 1 the assessment will be in the subject they are timetabled for at that time. Use the date, time/period and your young person's timetable to identify which assessment they are doing on which day. Class teachers will also provide this information both in school and on Google Classroom.

15 March 2021 – 1 st April 2021	Return of all pupils with priority for those in Senior Phase – attendance 3 days per week, contact with each subject for a minimum of half of their allocated class time. Consolidation prior to assessments.
Friday 2 April 2021 – Sunday 18 April 2021	School Closed – Spring Break
Monday 12 April 2021 – Friday 16 April 2021	Easter School
Week beginning 19 April 2021	Schools open to all pupils – <i>pending Scottish Government confirmation</i>
22 April 2021 – 3 May 2021	Consolidation and in class assessments (1) – <u>S4</u> Thursday 22 April – (Column D) Period 1 Friday 23 April – (Column A) Period 1/2 or Period 2/3 – English Friday 23 April – (Column D) Period 5 (if required by subject) Monday 26 April – (Column E) Period 5 Tuesday 27 April – (Column E) Period 4 (if required by subject) Tuesday 27 April – (Column C) Period 6 Wednesday 28 April – (Column C) Period 1 (if required by subject) Wednesday 28 April – (Column B) Period 2/3 – Maths Thursday 29 April – (Column F) Period 4 Friday 30 April – (Column G) Period 4 Monday 3 May – (Column F) Period 3 (if required by subject) Monday 3 May – (Column G) Period 4 (if required by subject) <u>S5/6</u> Thursday 22 April – (Column D) Period 5/6 Friday 23 April – (Column E) Period 1/2 Monday 26 April – (Column A) Period 3/4 Tuesday 27 April – (Column C) Period 3/4 Thursday 29 April – (Column B) Period 3/4
Week beginning 3 May 2021	Consolidation

13 May 2021 – 24 May 2021	<p>Consolidation and In class assessments (2)</p> <p>S4 Thursday 13 May – (Column D) Period 1 Friday 14 May – (Column A) Period 1/2 or Period 2/3 – English Friday 14 May – (Column D) Period 5 (if required by subject by subject) Monday 17 May – (Column E) Period 5 Tuesday 18 May – (Column E) Period 4 (if required by subject) Tuesday 18 May – (Column C) Period 6 Wednesday 19 May – (Column C) Period 1 (if required by subject) Wednesday 19 May – (Column B) Period 2/3 – Maths Thursday 20 May – (Column F) Period 4 Friday 21 May – (Column G) Period 4 Monday 24 May – (Column F) Period 3 (if required by subject) Monday 24 May – (Column G) Period 4 (if required by subject)</p> <p>S5/6 Thursday 13 May – (Column D) Period 5/6 Friday 14 May – (Column E) Period 1/2 Monday 17 May – (Column A) Period 3/4 Tuesday 18 May – (Column C) Period 3/4 Thursday 20 May – (Column B) Period 3/4</p>
4 June 2021	Local Authority deadline for submission of provisional grades
25 June 2021	Deadline for submission of provisional grades to SQA
10 August 2021	SQA Results

Spring Study School

During the week beginning the 12th April 2021 (2nd week of the Easter Holidays) we will be offering Senior pupils the opportunity to attend Spring Study School.

Information was shared with pupils and parents/carers earlier this week about which subjects and levels are on offer and this can be found, along with the online sign-up form, in the link below:

<https://tinyurl.com/springstudy21>

As you will see from the link, it is currently anticipated that the majority of the sessions for Spring Study School will take place in the building. However, this is dependent on future Scottish Government guidance.

Further information for learners and parents including the 'What you need to know for 2021' booklet, latest updates and study tips can be found on the SQA website [Awarding and results - National 4-5, Higher and Advanced Higher - SQA](#)

If you have any further queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me via enquirieshermitageacademy@argyll-bute.gov.uk

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