

Hermitage Academy



SQA Update – 30 April 2021

Senior Phase Assessment

Our assessments for pupils in the Senior Phase have continued this week 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 should have received a timetable outlining their individual arrangements – all assessments will run to the same schedule as shown overleaf. If you have any concerns regarding additional assessment arrangements please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Muir via the enquiries email address given at the end of this update.

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.

Absentees

If a young person has to miss an assessment we will reschedule. The relevant Department will make arrangements to carry out the assessment as soon as possible. As per normal procedures could you please contact the school office and inform us of any absence and, if possible, the anticipated length of absence.

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| <p>22 April 2021 – 3 May 2021</p> | <p>Consolidation and in class assessments (1) –</p> <p><u>S4</u> Thursday 22 April – Period 1 Friday 23 April – Period 1/2 or Period 2/3 – English Friday 23 April – Period 5 (if required by subject) Monday 26 April – Period 5 Tuesday 27 April – Period 4 (if required by subject) Tuesday 27 April – Period 6 Wednesday 28 April – Period 1 (if required by subject) Wednesday 28 April – Period 2/3 – Maths Thursday 29 April – Period 4 Friday 30 April – Period 4 Monday 3 May – Period 3 (if required by subject) Monday 3 May – Period 4 (if required by subject)</p> <p><u>S5/6</u> Thursday 22 April – Period 5/6 Friday 23 April – Period 1/2 Monday 26 April – Period 3/4 Tuesday 27 April – Period 3/4 Thursday 29 April – Period 3/4</p> |
| <p>Week beginning 3 May 2021</p> | <p>Consolidation</p> |

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| 13 May 2021 – 24 May 2021 | Consolidation and In class assessments (2) S4 Thursday 13 May – Period 1 Friday 14 May – Period 1/2 or Period 2/3 – English Friday 14 May – Period 5 (if required by subject by subject) Monday 17 May – Period 5 Tuesday 18 May – Period 4 (if required by subject) Tuesday 18 May – Period 6 Wednesday 19 May – Period 1 (if required by subject) Wednesday 19 May – Period 2/3 – Maths Thursday 20 May – Period 4 Friday 21 May – Period 4 Monday 24 May – Period 3 (if required by subject) Monday 24 May – Period 4 (if required by subject) S5/6 Thursday 13 May – Period 5/6 Friday 14 May – Period 1/2 Monday 17 May – Period 3/4 Tuesday 18 May – Period 3/4 Thursday 20 May – Period 3/4 |
| 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 |

Assessment Feedback

Pupils will be given feedback on their individual assessments by their class teacher. This feedback will be in the format of a mark, and any additional feedback required to help pupils with next steps in their learning. Our assessments, including samples of pupil scripts, will undergo a process of both internal and Local Authority moderation. In addition to this a number of courses will be sampled as part of the SQA Alternative Certification Model Quality Assurance procedures. As a result of these processes it is possible that marks will go up or down. Pupils should not assume that the result of an assessment is their Provisional Grade. The Provisional Grades that will be submitted to SQA will be a reflection of a holistic overview of attainment this session. The Provisional Grades that we will be submitting to SQA will be issued to pupils prior to the end of term with an explanation of how we have arrived at that Grade.

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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