

Hermitage Academy



SQA Update – 14 May 2021

Senior Phase Assessment

The second block of assessment is now well underway. Consolidation and in-class assessment have been on-going in classes this week and will continue until this block of assessment ends for S5/6 on Thursday 20 May and for S4 on Monday 24 May (schedule shown overleaf). Further information re plans for the period between the end of assessments and the start of the new timetable will be issued under separate cover today.

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.

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. Please note there is no Study Leave.

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 via their Glow email addresses on Thursday 24 June.

13 May 2021 – 24 May 2021	<p>Consolidation and In class assessments (2)</p> <p>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)</p> <p>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</p>
4 June 2021	Local Authority deadline for submission of provisional grades
24 June 2021	Provisional Grades issued to pupils via their Glow email addresses
25 June 2021	Deadline for submission of provisional grades to SQA
10 August 2021	SQA Results – Scottish Candidate Numbers and details of how to sign up for MySQA have been issued to Senior Phase pupils this week.

On Monday this week the National Qualifications Group published additional information in relation to Disruption to Learning which can be accessed via this link [National Qualifications 2021 Group - Disruption to Learning - SQA](#) A further has been published today which can be accessed via the following link [National Qualifications 2021 - Important message from organisations working across Scottish education - 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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