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Dear Parent /Carer

S4-6 Assessment Schedule - National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher Assessments

Following the Scottish Government's cancellation of the 2021 exam diet for National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher, we would like to share information regarding our S4-6 Assessment Schedule which will begin on 26 April. Our S4-6 Assessment Schedule meets the requirements set out by the SQA, takes account of the revised subject guidance and is in line with the SQA's Alternative Certification Model (ACM). It gives pupils the best possible opportunity to demonstrate their learning and attainment.

At Holy Rood RC High School, we are committed to ensuring that every pupil is given the opportunity to achieve their full potential and we recognise the challenges our pupils have faced during this academic session. Our S4-6 Assessment Schedule has been planned so that teaching and learning can continue, pupils will be supported in class and learning will be consolidated. Throughout the S4-6 Assessment Schedule, pupils will have the opportunity to receive feedback from teachers so that they understand their progress and next steps in learning.

Pupils undertaking qualifications at National 3 and National 4 level will continue with their learning in class.

Pupils should make best use of the Easter break to prepare for assessments, all pupils will be issued with a revision planner and information via subject teachers.

The Assessment Schedule for S4 will begin on Monday 26 April and run until Tuesday 8 June.

The Assessment Schedule for S5/6 will begin on Monday 26 April and run until Thursday 10 June.

- All subjects will run assessments which meet the standard set out by the SQA, these will take place within the existing school timetable.
- Pupils who require an Additional Assessment Arrangement (AAA) will have appropriate support in place for each assessment. This will be communicated to pupils after the Easter holiday by Mrs Duffy, Support for Learning Leader.
- Whenever possible, pupils should have no more than one assessment each day, however there may be some exceptions to this (e.g. if a practical assessment is due to take place).
- Pupils will be given adequate notice of practical assessments and specific dates/times will be communicated directly.

- Assessment Assemblies will take place for all S4, S5 and S6 pupils this week (30 March, 31 March or 1 April). During the Assemblies we will share full information about the Assessment Schedule, pupils will also have the opportunity to ask any questions.
- Parents/carers and pupils can access the S4-6 Assessment Schedule by clicking on the link. <https://bit.ly/3frrsVC>
- We would encourage you to discuss the Assessment Schedule with your child in conjunction with Supporting Your Child to Prepare for Assessments -click on link to access. <https://bit.ly/3frrsVC>
- Pupils are expected to behave responsibly during assessments and will be issued with important information regarding the code of conduct on their return from the Easter break

If you have any questions, please contact year4head@holyrood.edin.sch.uk, year5head@holyrood.edin.sch.uk or year6head@holyrood.edin.sch.uk

Yours sincerely

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