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Dear Parents and Carers of S4, S5 and S6 Pupils

Following feedback from our Parent Council, we would like to reassure you and offer further clarity about the S4-6 Assessment Schedule:

Information Provided via Email and on Website

Click on link <https://bit.ly/3frrsVC> for:-

- S4 and S5/6 Assessment Schedule
- Parent/Carer Letter
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Parent Guide - Supporting Your Child to Prepare for Assessments
- Study Skills Powerpoint (please encourage your son/daughter to watch this)

How many assessments will my child do per day?

S4-6 pupils will sit **maximum of one assessment per day** (unless in exceptional cases if a practical assessment is scheduled). Pupils will only do the one subject they chose in that particular column. This has been communicated at assemblies and via class teachers.

How does the Assessment Schedule work?

The assessments will take place in class time and the schedule correlates with pupils' normal school timetable. Pupil can check the day and time (periods) on the assessment schedule against their own school timetable to find out which subject they will be assessed on. Teachers will also clarify this on the class MS Team for each subject.

How will my child know what to study?

Teachers have provided very clear and specific advice for pupils to help them prepare for assessments. Information about course content and revision topics has been communicated on the class MS Team, parents can view this by asking their child.

How many hours studying/revision should my child do per day?

We recommend that our senior pupils take advantage of this break to thoroughly prepare and have recommended that S4 pupils spend at least 3-4 hours per day and S5/6 pupils at least 4-5 hours per day studying with regular breaks. This has been shared with pupils at assemblies.

What about Additional Assessment Arrangements? (AAA)

If your child is entitled to an Additional Assessment Arrangement, this will be provided. Mrs Duffy (SFL Leader) has communicated this to pupils and intends issuing individualised timetables for any pupil with an AAA after the holiday.

What are the advantages of no study leave?

Across the country, there is no study leave permitted. All pupils will remain in classes throughout the assessment period. The main advantage is that this will allow teachers to help pupils with revision and to remain focused. We hope that this maximises the opportunity to continue with learning and teaching and enables our pupils to meet their potential.

Which pieces of “demonstrated evidence” will the teacher use?

Teachers will assimilate all appropriate and valid evidence and this will be subject to robust quality assurance purposes. Only once the quality assurance process is complete will the provisional grade be communicated.

Please be assured that we will continue to support our pupils as much as possible at this time and do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions: - Admin@Holyrood.edin.sch.uk

Your sincerely

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