



# HOLY ROOD RC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent /Carer

## S5/6 Prelims – Tuesday 16 January – Monday 22 January 2024

At Holy Rood RC High School, we are committed to ensuring that every pupil is given the opportunity to achieve their full potential. Our S5/6 Prelim Schedule has been planned so that pupils have an opportunity to demonstrate their learning and attainment at this stage and also so that pupils can have an exam experience similar to that in the May SQA Exam diet (i.e.. in larger accommodation such as the Assembly Hall and where possible with invigilators).

During the Prelim Schedule, pupils will be supported in class and learning will be consolidated. Teachers are aware of the schedule of assessments and will allow pupils time to study for the exam the subsequent day or in guided revision in that specific subject if the Prelim has not yet taken place. **Please note that in line with the expectations set by City of Edinburgh Council, there is no exam leave permitted during this time. Pupils will return to normal classes after Prelims.**

Please find below additional information :-

- All subjects will run Prelims which will take place within the existing school timetable.
- It is vital that pupils arrive at least 10 minutes in advance of each Prelim's start time.
- Pupils will be issued with a Prelim Timetable this week, this will include accommodation information. This will be emailed to parents and carers and a copy of this schedule will be posted on our website.
- Pupils who require an Additional Assessment Arrangement (AAA) will have appropriate support in place for each assessment. This will be communicated to pupils by Mrs Duffy, Support for Learning Leader.
- Whenever possible, pupils should have no more than one Prelim 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 have taken place for all S5/6 pupils, when information was shared on what to expect, how to prepare and examples of revision techniques.
- Pupils are expected to behave responsibly during assessments and the code of conduct was discussed at the Assembly.

- Pupils have an additional two study periods (in PE and RE) throughout each week until Prelims have concluded.
- Supported Study opportunities can be accessed via the link :-
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