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Dear Parent/Carer

Scottish Qualification Authority (SQA) Examinations

I write about important information relating to the 2024 SQA exams. All parents/carers are requested to discuss this letter with their children and ensure that they are familiar with the exam arrangements outlined.

Exam leave for Holy Rood pupils follows Council guidelines which state that the number of study days allocated to each pupil depends upon how many National 5, Higher or Advanced Higher qualifications he/she is presented for.

All S5/6 pupils will have full study leave. The first day of exam leave for all S5/6 pupils is **Monday 22 April 2024**.

General Information

Individual/personal SQA exam timetables will be issued to S5/6 pupils at a special assembly w/b 25 March 2024. It is important that pupils and parents take careful note of exam dates. There are unlikely to be any changes to these dates, but pupils should also check their own personal timetables on the SQA website. This is important in case of changes to levels of qualifications for individual pupils.

Pupils who are entitled to **Alternative Assessment Arrangements** (e.g. reader, scribe, extra time etc.) will have their timetables issued by Mrs Duffy (Support for Learning Leader).

In addition to the study advice given by subject teachers, and Tutor Time, information can also be found on the SQA website under National Qualifications – www.sqa.org.uk

The Study Support Programme is well underway, and we would ask that you encourage your child to attend these sessions for extra support in preparation for their exams. The full programme can be found on the school's website or using this link: <https://bit.ly/202324-SuppStudy>

An enclosed leaflet provides helpful information which pupils should take account of during the exam period.

Pupils should also make use of the SQA Information Booklet, 'Your Exams 2023' which will be issued by this week. This provides further advice on preparation, procedures and conduct during the exams.

Staff will be available during the exam period to provide support with revision and/or to provide any last minute advice. If any pupil requires support with access to a study area during the period of exam leave, they should speak with Mr Henderson or Miss Jackson, S5/6 Year Heads, to arrange this.

The school continues to function for younger pupils and so it is very important that normal school uniform is worn when sitting examinations or visiting teachers.

New S6 pupils return to school for the new timetable on **Thursday 30 May 2024** for the S6 Induction Day. The new Timetable starts Monday 3 June 2024. Further information can be found in the enclosed leaflet. New S6 pupils will also take part in SCQF level 6 First Aid training in June. A parental letter with more details will be issued in due course.

Current S6 Pupils will be required to briefly attend school on Friday 31 May to return their school issued iPad including charger and protective case. More information will be provided in due course about this.

The current S6 Leavers' Ceremony and Mass will take place on Friday 19 April at **10.45am for an 11am start**. The Senior Awards Ceremony will take place on **Wednesday 5 June 2024 at 2.00pm**. Further information will be issued in due course.

I feel confident our pupils will do their best to study and revise carefully for each exam and I wish everyone the very best of luck.

Yours sincerely

J M Daly
Head Teacher