



27th March 2025

SQA Exams and Study Supports

Dear Parent/Carer,

As the SQA Exam Diet approaches, we wish to share some key pieces of information with you so that you can best support your learners to prepare for their exams.

Exam Information

Learners will be issued with their individual Exam Timetables in the first week back after the Easter break. All learners will also be briefed regarding SQA Exams at assemblies on Thursday 17th April.

When learners receive their individual timetables, it is imperative that they check carefully and notify Mrs Larkworthy immediately of any details that need to be changed, including:

- Name and Date of Birth: this is how it will appear on the SQA certificate issued in August
- Address: The SQA will issue your certificate to this address.
- Subjects: These are the exams and levels which your learner has been entered for.

The timetable also contains the following details:

- The Subject Code e.g. C236 & Subject Level e.g. Higher/ Nat5.
- The subject and its elements e.g. Modern Studies, Paper 1.
- The exam date.
- Exam start & finish times, the room and the seat number in which the pupil should sit.

Certain papers that take place in the afternoon may last longer than the end of the school day.

Please note that the start times of exams at Grove Academy may differ slightly from the SQA website. Learners must follow their individual timetable.

For learners who are sitting their **Computing** exam on **Friday 25th April**, the last day of classes will be **Tuesday 22nd April** with Study Days in school on **Wednesday 23rd & Thursday 24th April**.

For learners who are sitting their **Music** exam on **Monday 28th April**, the last day of classes will be **Wednesday 23rd April** with Study Days in school on **Thursday 24th & Friday 25th April**.

For learners who are sitting their **Geography** exam on **Tuesday 29th April**, the last day of classes will be **Thursday 24th April** with Study Days in school on **Friday 25th April and Monday 28th April**.

The last day of classes for all other learners is **Friday, 25th April**.

Our S6 leavers' celebration day will be on **Wednesday 23rd April** all day. They will have some time in school in the morning with staff and then the afternoon will be spent up at Dawson Park for some activities including a Colour Run. Our School Captaincy Team are currently finalising arrangements and information about timings will be shared in the first week back. S6 learners are expected to be in classes / study days on **Thursday 24th and Friday 25th April** as normal.

Classes for Senior Phase learners resume on **Monday 2nd June 2025**.

During the first week back there will be an SQA assembly where learners will be briefed on the information contained within the 'Your Exams' booklet which is attached for your attention. We would be grateful if you could also discuss this at home so that you and your learner are aware of the important messages it contains.

In the event of any absence or lateness to an exam parents or pupils **MUST** contact the school before the noted start time of the exam on 01382 436800.

If a learner is unable to sit an exam, or their performance in an exam has been affected by a personal circumstance or unplanned incident on the day, we may be able to submit a request to SQA's Exam Exceptional Circumstances Consideration Service (EECCS). Please see pages 17-19 of the 'Your Exams' booklet for more information on the EECCS.

Exam results will be issued on **Tuesday 5th August** and more information will follow regarding the Appeals Service and support available in school on results day in due course.

Easter School & Study Days

Sign up for our Easter School is now closed and we are delighted to see so many of our S4-6 learners taking advantage of the many sessions on offer across a range of subjects. Those who are attending should enter the school via the main doors and ensure that they sign in on arrival.

This year we introduce a new, intensive revision programme of 'Study Days' for all learners who are sitting exams. For the two days prior to an exam, staff for each subject will be available exclusively to S4-6 pupils to provide targeted and focussed support with exam preparation and technique with the aim of building learners' confidence and skills in the immediate lead up to their exam. All learners are expected to attend their Study Days unless they are sitting another exam on one or both of the scheduled days. Some learners who have coursework for N3/4 courses will also be expected to attend and will be advised of their arrangements by their teachers.

The programme for the Study Days is attached for your information. More specific information about the plan for each subject's day will be provided to learners by their teachers.

We wish all of our fantastic S4-6 learners the very best of luck!

Should you have any questions about any of the information in this letter, please contact the school office to be directed to the most appropriate person to address your queries.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L Larkworthy', with a stylized flourish at the end.

L Larkworthy

Depute Head Teacher