S4 – S6 Winter Assessments 2026/27

Dear pupil, parent and carer,

Our assessment window over December and January will now be known as Winter Assessments. As you will know there are many types of assessments that take place through a variety of qualifications. Therefore, we have changed the name from Prelims to Winter Assessments.

As we fully embark on our senior school Winter Assessments please see below information, please read this carefully.

Winter Assessments will be:

- In the Assembly Hall.
- In Classrooms.
- For most Practical Examinations, some will be individualised by student.

If you have Additional Arrangements, you will have given an individualised timetable.

Winter Assessment Diet

- Winter Assessments will be undertaken before and after the December break.
- Some Practical Examinations are out-with the main diet.

Winter Assessment Preparation

- Your timetable is available – get organised if you aren't already!
- Ensure you know where you are in your learning, know where you need to be and what you can do about it, including discussions with teachers, your recent Tracking Report, study support, study techniques, study timetable, Achieve, etc.
- Be prepared for the examinations – set reminders, be on time, have the items you need for an examination. If you are concerned you do not have the items you need for your examinations talk to your teacher about this.
- There may be times that you have more than one examination timetabled. You should have discussed this with your teachers and supports for alternative dated and times for you to sit these Winter Assessments s be in place.

Winter Assessments

- Keep your Winter Assessments timetable somewhere safe (a copy of this will be sent along with this information letter.
- Check your mobile phone into the school office before your Winter Assessments examination.
- Arrive on time – you may not be allowed to enter the exam hall after a certain time (as would happen in the Qualifications Scotland examinations).
- After your assessment you should return to your timetabled class.
- Examinations have been planned to make the most of the diet.
- If you are feeling overwhelmed, please talk to one of us. This may be your Head of House, class teacher or someone you feel comfortable talking to (trusted adult).

Supporting Success

Our pupils also have access to 'Achieve'. They can access Achieve in 3 simple steps:



1. **Visit https://achieve.hashtag-learning.co.uk/**
2. **Sign up with your email address and password (use your school email)**
3. **Enter the Broxburn Academy code A4r3t18U**

They can then select all the National 5 and Higher courses, and access the Learn, Assess and Self-evaluate modules for each. This is a really great way to support their learning and study from home too.

Evening Study Support 2026-27

Our pupils can also register for the e-sgoil Evening Study Support for session 2026-27. Registration for this year's evening webinars is now live. There will be 57 weekly webinars covering 27 subjects from N4 to Advanced Higher levels.

You can use this link to Register: https://www.e-sgoil.com/senior-phase/study-support/



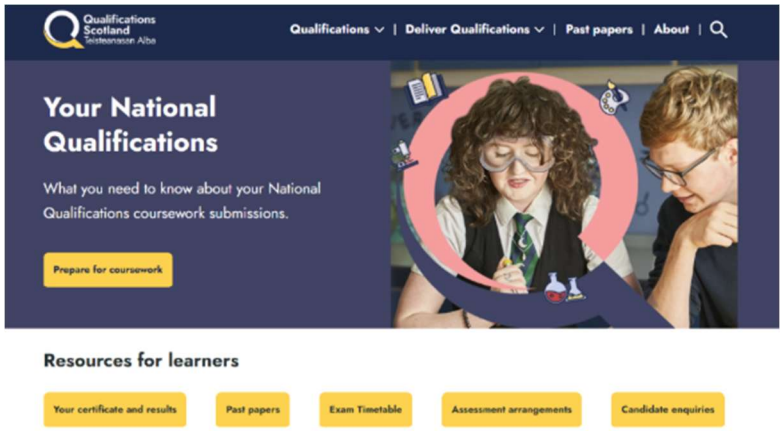




Qualifications Scotland

https://www.qualifications.gov.scot/

Pupils can also access Qualifications Scotland Website, where they can find lots of useful information and supports.



Pupils should also they have read Your National Qualifications School Edition. This will inform them about what they need to know about National %, Higher and Advanced Higher Coursework.



Very best wishes!

Mrs Winton

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