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As our young people are finalising their internal assessments and we approach the formal SQA exams, we wanted to make you aware of the range of supports available to your young person. I would ask you to encourage your young person to take advantage of as many supports as they can to ensure they feel well prepared for their exams.

✓ **RAP Workshops (Rigour, Aspiration & Perseverance)**

Our staff ran RAP workshops in September and February for all S4/5/6 pupils. During these workshops, young people were encouraged to reflect on their learning and identify what works well for them. In addition, some past and present pupils shared what supports they found particularly helpful in preparing for the assessment period.

✓ **Supported Study**

From the start of the session, our staff have offered an extensive programme of supported study classes across a range of subjects. Our supported study sessions run mostly at the end of the school day, but in some cases, before the school day, or at lunchtime. This information has been shared with young people in class, on Teams and at our RAP workshops. If pupils feel they would benefit from extra support they should speak to their class teacher in the first instance.

✓ **Study Cafes**

Again, since we returned in August, we have offered Study Cafes every Monday evening, from 3-4pm in the school library. This provides a quiet place for young people from all year groups to complete homework, study or get support from our Braes Brains, pupil mentors. As this is end on to the school day, refreshments and snacks are provided at the start.

✓ **Braes Brains – Peer Tutoring**

Our *Braes Brains Peer Tutors* offer one-to-one support, small groupwork or in-class support with coursework and homework tasks as well as tips, tricks and advice to help with studying. All our Braes Brains have been recommended by subject teachers having achieved success in SQA qualifications and demonstrated a positive work ethic in their subjects. We currently have 61 young people who volunteer, supporting 50 periods of study, on a weekly basis. Pupils can request one to one support sessions from a *Braes Brains* by speaking to their class teacher, Pastoral Head or Ms Taylor in the Drama Department.

✓ **Targeted Support**

As we approach the exam period, we will be offering specific subject support during core time i.e. PE/RMPS/PSE. Pupils will be informed by their class teachers if they are to be supported in this way.

✓ **Maths/English Study Weekend**

Our Maths and English staff are running sessions on the evening of Friday 1st March and morning of Saturday 2nd March. This focused approach has been well received by pupils in previous years and has supported exam preparation for these subjects.

✓ **Easter School - Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd April, 2024.**

There will be three sessions running each day:

Session 1 : 0855 – 1035 Session 2 : 1050 – 1230 Session 3 : 1315 – 1455

Pupils will be asked to sign up to sessions in advance so that staff can plan for the groups attending.

✓ **Stress Workshops**

Our Pastoral team work closely with pupils and are aware some find it very stressful in the lead up to exams. We will be running workshops to help pupils develop strategies to minimise their stress/anxiety levels in the lead up to the exam diet.

✓ **Online Supports**

<https://e-sgoil.co/study-support> Pupils can register for real time Study Support webinars beginning on 6th Sept 2021. These sessions are available to all students across Scotland and cover a wide range of subjects.

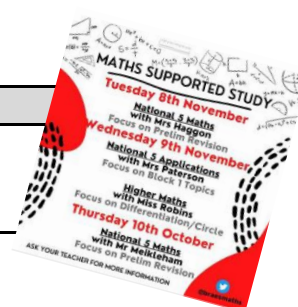
<https://scholar.hw.ac.uk> Scholar is invaluable support for Nat 5, Higher and Advanced Higher courses across the curriculum. Pupils have a password to access these courses.

<https://sway.office.com/WQQXR1zgOWpqB4rS?ref=Link> Nat 5 Chemistry support for pupils

Targeted Maths Sessions – all years

In response to pupil consultation, the Maths department are offering targeted supported study on various nights in the week to allow as many pupils to attend as possible.

*The department share this information on a weekly basis through **Teams** and **Twitter**.*





Prepare to PASS Weekly Support Sessions

Please see below the full range of weekly, targeted supported study sessions of offer.

Monday				
SUBJECT	LEVEL	TEACHER	DELIVERY	TIME
Art & Design	N4/N5/H	Mrs Corsie/Mr Bennett/Mrs Macleod	Room 307/306/303	Lunch
Tuesday				
SUBJECT	LEVEL	TEACHER	DELIVERY	TIME
History	N5	Miss Graham	Room 326	3.45-4.45
History	N5/H/AH	Miss Godfrey	Room 324	4.00-5.00
Chemistry	N5/H	Mrs Kinloch	Room 223	4.00-5.00
French/German	H	Mrs Murray	Room 210	Lunch
Biology	AH	Dr Quinlan	Room 204	3.45-4.45
Biology	N5/H	Miss McQuade	Room 221	3.45-4.45
Drama	H	Miss Shanks	Drama Room	Lunch & 3.45-4.45
Art & Design	N4/N5/H	Mrs Corsie/Mr Bennett/Mrs Macleod	Room 307/306/303	Lunch
Music	N5	Mr Scott	Room 103	3.45 – 4.45
Wednesday				
SUBJECT	LEVEL	TEACHER	DELIVERY	TIME
History	N5	Miss Jessup	Room 323	3.00-4.00
History	H	Miss Graham	Room 326	3.00-4.00
RMPS	N5	Mrs Menzies	Room 207	3.00-4.00
RMPS	H	Dr Wilson-McCaw	Room 218	3.00-4.00
Modern Studies	N5/H	Miss Beattie	Room 323	3.00-4.00
Biology	N5/H/AH	Dr Wilkie	Room 202	Lunch
Physics	N5/H/AH	Mr McLean	Room 203	2.50-3.50
Music	H	Miss Niven	Room 122	3.00-4.00
English	N4/N5/H	Various	Room 113	3.00-4.00
Media	H	Mr McIntosh	Room 109	3.00-4.00
Art & Design	N4/N5/H	Mrs Corsie/Mr Bennett	Room 307/306	Lunch
Bus Management	N5/H	Mrs Buchanan	Room 308	Lunch
Thursday				
SUBJECT	LEVEL	TEACHER	DELIVERY	TIME
Drama	N5	Ms Taylor	Drama Room	Lunch & 3.45-4.45
Physics	N5/H/AH	Mrs Sneddon	Room 206	3.45-4.45
Modern Studies	N5	Miss Waddell	Room 326	3.45-4.45
Modern Studies	H	Mrs Martin	Room 324	3.45-4.45
RMPS	N5	Dr Wilson-McCaw	Room 218	3.45-4.45
Geography	H	Mr Bell	Room 302	3.45-4.45
Geography	H	Miss Doran	Room 301	3.45-4.45
French/German	H	Mrs Murray	Room 210	Lunch
Spanish	N5/H	Miss McDonald	Room 213	3.45-4.45
Eng Science	N5/H	Mr Tate	In person – 116	Lunch
Music Tech	N4/N5/H	Mr Morris	2 nd floor ICT suite	3.45-4.30
Music	N5	Mrs Clarke	Room 121	3.00-4.00
Art & Design	N4/N5/H	Mrs Corsie/Mr Bennett/Mrs Macleod	Room 307/306/303	Lunch
Friday				
SUBJECT	LEVEL	TEACHER	DELIVERY	TIME
Biology	N5/H	Miss Kelly	Room 219	8.00-8.50
Art & Design	N4/N5/H	Mrs Corsie/Mrs Macleod	Room 307/303	Lunch



Easter School sessions will run on Tues 2nd and Wed 3rd April as shown below. Pupils will be able to sign up for Easter School from Monday 26th February.

Tuesday 2nd April 2024

Session 1 08:55-10:35		Session 2 10:50-12:30		Session 3 13:10-14:50	
Teacher	Subject/Level	Teacher	Subject/Level	Teacher	Subject/Level
Mrs Martin	H Mod Studs	Mrs Martin	H Mod Studs	Mrs Martin	H Mod Studs
Miss Beattie	N5 Mod Studs	Miss Beattie	N5 Mod Studs	Miss Beattie	N5 Mod Studs
Miss Graham	N5 History	Miss Graham	N5 History	Miss Graham	N5 History
Miss Godfrey	H/AH History	Miss Godfrey	H/AH History	Miss Godfrey	H/AH History
Mr Bell	N5/H Geography	Mr Bell	N5/H Geography	Mr Bell	N5/H Geography
Dr Wilson	H RMPS	Dr Wilson	H RMPS	Dr Wilson	H RMPS
Dr Wilkie	H Biology	Dr Wilkie	H Biology		
Miss Robinson	N5 Biology	Miss Robinson	N5 Biology		
Dr Quinlan	AH Biology	Dr Quinlan	AH Biology	Dr Quinlan	AH Biology
Mrs Kinloch	AH Chemistry	Mrs Kinloch	AH Chemistry	Mrs Kinloch	AH Chemistry
Mrs Sneddon	H Physics	Mrs Sneddon	N5 Physics		
		Mr McLean	H Physics	Mr McLean	AH Physics
Miss Taylor	N5/AH Drama	Miss Taylor	N5/AH Drama		
Miss Robins	H Maths	Miss Robins	H Maths	Miss Robins	H Maths
Mr Meikleham	N5 Apps	Mr Meikleham	N5 Apps	Mr Meikleham	N5 Apps
Mrs Maley	N5 Maths	Mrs Maley	N5 Maths	Mrs Maley	N5 Maths
Miss McDonald	N5/H Spanish	Miss McDonald	N5/H Spanish	Miss McDonald	N5/H Spanish
My Young	N5 French	My Young	N5 French	My Young	N5 French
Mr Holt	Study Support	Mr Holt	Study Support		
Mr Deane	Study Support	Mr Deane	Study Support		
Mr Vosser	N5/H Computing	Mr Vosser	N5/H Computing	Mr Vosser	N5/H Computing
Mrs Shaw	N5/H Admin	Mrs Shaw	N5/H Admin	Mrs Shaw	N5/H Admin
Miss Buchanan	N5/H Business	Miss Buchanan	N5/H Business	Miss Buchanan	N5/H Business
Mr Tate	N5/H Eng Sci	Mr Tate	N5/H Eng Sci	Mr Tate	N5/H Eng Sci
Miss Kinnear	N5 Gr Comm	Miss Kinnear	N5 Gr Comm	Miss Kinnear	N5 Gr Comm
Miss Coyle	N5 English	Miss Coyle	N5 English	Miss Coyle	N5 English
Mrs Horne	H English	Mrs Horne	H English	Mrs Horne	H English
Mr McIntosh	H Media	Mr McIntosh	H Media	Mr McIntosh	H Media
Miss Niven	H Music	Miss Niven	H Music	Miss Niven	H Music

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Teacher	Subject/Level	Teacher	Subject/Level	Teacher	Subject/Level
Dr Wilkie	H Biology	Dr Wilkie	H Biology		
Miss McQuade	N5 Biology	Miss McQuade	N5 Biology		
Mrs Kinloch	N5 Chemistry	Mrs Kinloch	H Chemistry	Mrs Kinloch	H Chemistry
Mrs Sneddon	N5 Physics	Mrs Sneddon	H Physics		
		Mr McLean	N5 Physics	Mr McLean	AH Physics
		Miss Shanks	H Drama	Miss Shanks	H Drama
Miss McDonald	N5/H Spanish	Miss McDonald	N5/H Spanish	Miss McDonald	N5/H Spanish
Mrs Dunn	N5 French	Mrs Dunn	N5 French	Mrs Dunn	N5 French
Miss Beattie	N5/H Mod Studs	Miss Beattie	N5/H Mod Studs	Miss Beattie	N5/H Mod Studs
Mrs Menzies	N5 RMPS	Mrs Menzies	N5 RMPS	Mrs Menzies	N5 RMPS
Miss Robins	H Maths	Miss Robins	H Maths	Miss Robins	H Maths
Mrs Paterson	H Apps	Mrs Paterson	N5 Maths	Mrs Paterson	N5 Maths
Mrs Maley	N5 Maths	Mrs Maley	H Apps	Mrs Maley	H Apps
Mr Smith	H PE	Mr Smith	H PE	Mr Smith	H PE
Miss Kelly	Study Support	Miss Kelly	N5 Dance	Miss Kelly	N5 Dance
Miss Ferguson	Aspire	Miss Ferguson	Aspire	Miss Ferguson	Aspire
Mr Vosser	N5/H Computing	Mr Vosser	N5/H Computing	Mr Vosser	N5/H Computing
Mrs Shaw	N5/H Admin	Mrs Shaw	N5/H Admin	Mrs Shaw	N5/H Admin
Miss Buchanan	N5/H Business	Miss Buchanan	N5/H Business	Miss Buchanan	N5/H Business
Mrs Reid	Pr Woodwork	Mrs Reid	Pr Woodwork	Mrs Reid	Pr Woodwork
Mr MacLeod	N5 English	Mr MacLeod	N5 English	Mr MacLeod	N5 English
Miss Smith	H English	Miss Smith	H English	Miss Smith	H English
Mr Rooney	AH English	Mr Rooney	AH English	Mr Rooney	AH English
Mr McIntosh	H Media	Mr McIntosh	H Media	Mr McIntosh	H Media