



Strathaven Academy

Senior Phase Next Steps Presentation

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Aims of Next Steps Presentation

- to support your child to achieve in the Senior Phase by:
 - ❖ encouraging pupils to take responsibility for their own learning
 - ❖ ensuring all pupils receive full support to get the best out of their time in the Senior Phase
 - ❖ identifying early intervention strategies for pupils in need of additional support/encouragement
 - ❖ working together with parents/carers as partners to help young people plan how best to use their time at home
 - ❖ exploring revision strategies and useful study techniques



Senior Phase Reports

Full reports including tracking data and comments were sent home for S4 on Friday, 4/11/22 and will be issued to S5/6 pupils on Friday, 18/11/22. The report contains:

- grades for behaviour, effort and homework in each subject
- working grade for each subject - please note the working grade indicates the grade the pupil is currently working at in each of their subjects and is based on the evidence staff currently have available to them - it is NOT a predicted or estimated grade
- comments from staff on pupil progress.



SQA Update

Appeals 2022:

Outcome of appeals were published on Monday, 31 October 2022. If your child submitted an appeal and has not yet received the outcome they should speak to Mr Fleming as soon as possible.

SQA exam timetable 2023:

Formal SQA exams begin on Monday, 24 April 2023 and will finish on Wednesday, 31 May 2023: [Click here for the 2023 Exam Timetable](#)

SQA Communications:

Pupils: Year Group Google Classroom & SQA Pupil Zone available [here](#)

Parents: School App & SQA Parent Zone available [here](#)



Senior Phase Winter Assessments

- Winter assessments:
 - S4: Thursday, 8 December 2022 - Thursday, 22 December 2022
 - S5/6: Monday, 16 January 2023 - Friday, 27 January 2023
- assessments will replicate the conditions of SQA exams
- give pupils a valuable experience of sitting assessments in exam conditions prior to the final SQA exams
- some practical assessments (PE/music/practical cookery) will take place in November/December outwith the Winter Assessment schedule.



Security Of Assessments

In all assessments (including final SQA exams), the following mitigations will be used to protect the security of assessments. Pupils and parents/carers should be aware that failure to comply with these rules is SQA malpractice which can have serious repercussions for young people:

- **mobile phones and all other smart devices including smart watches** should be switched off and placed where instructed by the invigilator
- school bags should be left where instructed by the invigilator
- pupils should only have the required equipment at their desk, e.g. pen, pencil, rubber etc.
- bottled water is allowed at a candidate's desk should they wish
- assessment papers and completed work should remain on the candidate's desk at the end of the assessment - no pupil can remove any assessment materials from the room
- there should be no talking to other candidates during the assessment



Assessment Arrangements (AA)

Pupils who receive Assessment Arrangements such as digital papers, readers, scribes etc. in class assessments should continue to receive these arrangements in formal assessments.

Different arrangements may be in place for different subjects for pupils depending on the nature of the assessment. Mrs Gallagher, our PT Support for Learning will speak to these pupils individually about this and contact home to discuss. Should you be concerned that your child is entitled to AA and these are not in place, please contact the school office prior to the Winter Assessment Diet.



Supported Study in School

- Many subjects offer supported study during lunch time and/or after school.
- Pupils should speak to their class teacher for more information.

Pupils should try to attend as many supported study classes as they can.

- Some subjects have specific study support Google Classrooms e.g. English.

Pupils should speak to their class teacher for joining codes so they can access the resources at a time and place suitable to them.



Resources to support revision at home

- Scholar: available through Glow or <https://scholar.hw.ac.uk/>
- E-Sgoil: <https://e-sgoil.com/study-support>
- SQA Past Papers: <https://www.sqa.org.uk/pastpapers/findpastpaper.htm>
- BBC Bitesize: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>
- Subject specific Google Classrooms



Study Techniques/Guides available on our school website

Materials to help your child study at home are available on the school website in the 'study support' section: <http://strathaven.s-lanark.sch.uk/study-support/>

- Supporting your child with study [here](#)
- Study skills booklet [here](#)
- Study planning booklet [here](#)



Career Planning - Developing our Young Workforce (DYW)

During this session, pupils in the Senior Phase will be researching and planning for their future whether this is in school or beyond.

A wealth of resources are available on the school website under Supporting Our Pupils - Developing The Young Workforce <https://strathaven.s-lanark.sch.uk/dyw/what-is-dyw/#>

Other useful websites are

- o www.planitplus.net
- o www.apprenticeship.scot
- o www.myworldofwork.co.uk



Pupil Wellbeing

1. Important to have a balance of school work, leisure time and relaxing
2. Exam resilience techniques are delivered through PSE
3. Pupil Support staff available to help

South Lanarkshire Council recommend 'Kooth' as an online support for mental wellbeing which is available [here](#).



Tips for success this session

- Encourage your child to attend Supported Study where offered
- Provide a distraction free study environment
- Support with study techniques and habits (identifying areas for development)
- Encourage your child to plan and commit to a study timetable
- Use past papers and revision materials
- Make use of online supports outlined in this presentation
- Help your child to maintain a healthy balance between school, work at home and leisure activities.



School contact information

Should you require to speak to someone at the school please use the following contact details:

1. Telephone: 01357 524040 - your child's Pupil Support teacher is usually your first contact
2. Email: office@strathaven.s-lanark.sch.uk

Please remember information will be shared with parents/carers via the school app (available on Apple and Android devices).