



Strathaven Academy

Senior Phase Universal Target Setting Presentation

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Aims of Presentation

Support your child to achieve in the Senior Phase courses 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 were sent home for S4 on Tuesday, 27/01/26 and were issued to S5/6 pupils on Tuesday, 24/2/26. The report contains:

- grades for behaviour, effort and homework in each subject
- working grade for each subject - this indicates the teacher's professional opinion of what the pupil is able to attain in the final exam if they were to continue with their current progress - it is **NOT** a predicted or estimated grade
- target grade for each subject - this should indicate what the pupil should be working towards between now and the next tracking period (April 2026)
- comments from staff on pupil progress, which should include results from Winter Assessments.



Qualifications Scotland Update

Qualifications Scotland exam timetable 2026:

Formal exams begin on Wednesday, 23 April 2026 and will finish on Thursday, 28 May 2026: [2026 Exam Timetable](#)

Qualifications Scotland Communications:

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

Parents: School App, Satchel: One & Qualifications Scotland Parent Zone available [here](#)



Security Of Assessments

In all assessments (including final 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 Qualifications Scotland 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 Qualifications Scotland deadline of 25/3/26.



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.
- Some subjects have targeted extraction groups. Details will be emailed to parents.

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: [Study Support | e-Sgoil](#)
- Past Papers: [Past papers and marking instructions - Qualifications Scotland](#)
- BBC Bitesize: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>
- Subject specific Google Classrooms
- Achieve Online Learning Resource: available through Glow



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