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Dear Senior Pupil

NATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS 2021 - NATIONAL 5 ASSESSMENT UPDATE

I write to provide you with important information on the approach to assessing your progress and attainment this year. This will be followed up with a presentation in PSE. Your success is so important to me and to the wider staff. All of the procedures detailed below are designed to support you and give you every chance of attaining your very best.

There are no National 5 external examinations this session. Instead, National 5 awards will be based on teacher estimate grades.

Your class teachers will be monitoring your progress throughout the session.

TYPE OF ASSESSMENT	WHY?
<p>1. Timed class assessments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ongoing throughout the session completed during class time your teacher will inform you of dates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To check your knowledge and understanding of a particular topic/unit. To help you develop a skill required in the subject. To help you to learn and revise course content at a gradual pace. This avoids last minute cramming and stress. To capture your progress over time. To identify gaps in your knowledge and understanding so that you can improve. To inform your Working Grade in reports.
<p>2. Assessment Weeks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> there will be no study leave within the dates below. completed during class time school timetable will be issued 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To assess the application of your skills, knowledge and understanding across the course, using unseen SQA questions. To allow you to experience formal examination conditions. To provide evidence in order to determine your final estimate grade for the SQA.

Please note that if you are absent due to self-isolating, alternative dates will be arranged for you to sit assessments.

Your teachers will keep you informed of arrangements relating to your subjects eg practicals in Music, Drama and PE.

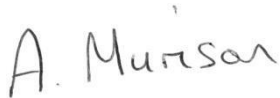
ASSESSMENT WEEKS	DATES
National 5/Higher/Advanced Higher	Monday, 11 January to Friday, 22 January inclusive
National 5	Monday, 19 April to Friday, 30 April inclusive

Planning for Success

In order to support you with your preparation for assessments, please refer to the National 5 Planning for Success Guide which can be accessed on the website and your PSE Google Classroom.

I hope that you find this information helpful. Please note that these arrangements may be subject to change, depending on any further SQA guidelines.

Wishing you every success.



Ms A Murison