



S4 – S6 Prelim Examinations 2025/26

Dear pupils, parents and carers,

As we all prepare for our senior school Prelim Examinations please see below information, please read this carefully.

In addition to this Group Call email, you will also have attached our Prelim Examination Timetable. This includes December and January timings for examinations:

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

If you have Additional Arrangements, you will be given an individualised timetable by Mrs Paterson.

Examination Diet

- Prelim examinations will be undertaken before and after the December break. Examinations in the Assembly Hall have been assigned a week before and after the break.
- Practical Examinations are out-with the main diet - for example week beginning 1st of December: Music Practical's.
- There may also be some examinations that are out with the main diet – for example those that are 50 minutes, or shorter. These will take place in classrooms, for example Art and Design on the 10th and 11th of December.

Examination Preparation

- Your timetable is now 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. Discuss this with your teachers and they will support alternative times for you to sit a prelim.

Prelim Examinations

- Keep your prelim timetable somewhere safe.
- Check your mobile phone into the school office before your prelim examination.
- Arrive on time – you may not be allowed to enter the exam hall after a certain time (as would happen in the SQA examinations).
- Examinations have been planned to make the most of the diet. However, if you find you have too many prelims in a day please discuss this with your teachers and we will look to support you.
- As per the SQA exams, you might have two examinations at the same time. Discuss this with your class teacher and we will put one examination in at an alternative time.

- 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).

Useful Links

To support you both in your Prelim Examinations and your SQA examination, please see some useful links below.

SQA

'Your National Qualifications' (choose the School Edition),

https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/files_ccc/Your-NQ-2025-26-school.pdf



ACHIEVE

Achieve is an online virtual tutor providing access to key learning concepts, interactive assessments, further learning and links to SQA past paper questions. Broxburn Academy has an ACHIEVE Whole School Subscription.

The subscription allows you to use ACHIEVE featuring courses at National 5 and Higher levels. There is a wide variety of course materials to support you in your learning and revision.



Achieve sign up: <https://achieve.hashtag-learning.co.uk>

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E-sgoil offer weekly evening Study Support webinars during term time, covering a wide range of subjects and levels. Study Support is for Senior Phase learners who are working towards National Qualifications. <https://www.e-sgoil.com/>

Very best wishes! Mrs Winton