**Prelims 2016**

Dear Parent/Carer and pupil,

The 2017 prelim timetable has been handed out to S4-6 pupils on Friday 16th of December and Monday 19th December and placed on the school website in the study and exam support section.

The 2017 prelim exams start on Monday 23rd of January and finish on Wednesday 1st February. The first week of the 2017 prelim timetable has the majority of prelims in the large PE hall. To support the PE curriculum across the school, the 2nd week of the 2017 prelim timetable will have prelims based in classrooms and not the main PE hall. All pupils will continue to wear school uniform whilst sitting prelim exams.

All prelims will be invigilated by staff and senior management will support the prelim schedule.

Through consultation with Curricular Leaders and their departments, the school has decided that there will be 1 week of prelim exam leave for all S4-S6 pupils, from Monday 23rd to Monday 30th of January (inclusive). Pupils who are sitting no National 5/Higher/Advanced Higher exams should attend school classes during this week. All S4-S6 pupils should return to school on Tuesday 31st of January.

In line with SQA arrangements for the main exam diet in May, pupils who are studying fewer than three qualifications at National 5 level are entitled to the day before and the day of the prelim as prelim leave. Pupils should attend classes as normal out with their allocated study leave.

The prelim timetable condenses the exams S4-6 pupils will sit in the month of May 2017 into an 8 day format. In order to support all pupils and departments there is a balance of exams in the main hall and in classrooms. To replicate the length of the SQA exams, most morning exams start at 8.45 and this allows most exams to fit into the school day with exceptions on Tuesday 24th January, Wednesday 25th January, Thursday 26th January and Friday 27th January. The majority of exams finish no later than 4.00pm with one exception on Thursday 26th January.

Yours sincerely,

Miss M Gardner

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