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Dear Parent/Carer

### **S4-6 Preliminary Examinations: January 2017**

A copy of the prelim timetable has been issued to all S4 -6 students. Following on from their sessions with the company 'Tree of Knowledge', we were very aware that our young people in S4 who will be sitting important exams for the first time this year, would benefit from as much notice as possible. We hope that the early release of our preliminary examinations' timetable will indeed help all our students to plan their revision and be well prepared for their exams.

Many departments are offering extra support sessions at lunchtime and after school in the run up to the examinations. All students who are not aware of these are advised to ask their teachers.

### ***National 3- 7 Qualifications***

After five months studying, students have been advised by their teachers as to which level they should be attempting for each subject. This could change before their final examinations in May depending on their performance in their preliminary examinations. The majority of students will be studying National 5 -7 qualifications. If they have been advised that they are studying at National 3 or 4 level in any of their subjects then they will not be required to sit an examination as all the assessments for these qualifications are completed on an on-going basis with no final exam at the end. Students who are studying National 5-7 qualifications will also have on-going assessments throughout the year but will have an examination in May as well.

### ***Study Leave***

S4 students who have three or more National 5 examinations will have study leave and all S5/6 students will have study leave. This will begin on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 3.20 pm and last until Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 3.20 pm. This means they do not attend classes during the two weeks of examinations. The only exception to this will be for those students who are sitting National 5 Mathematics, AH French, Higher French, Higher Business and National 5 Business on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January. Their study leave begins on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January at 3.20 pm.

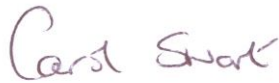
It is important that our students have the best opportunity to do well in their courses and we have therefore decided that we will give them the opportunity during preliminary examinations to experience the same conditions they will face in May. All exams will be in the main Hall and SQA invigilators will be responsible for their supervision during this time. School transport will run as normal so students who wish to travel to or from school outwith normal times must arrange this themselves.

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Those students who are mainly studying National 3 or 4 courses will be required to come in to school for some of the time when others are on study leave. These courses require students to complete an Added Value Unit as well as on going assessments in order to achieve the overall award. Individual work has been prepared and individual students will be given times when they are required to be in school. Parents/carers will also be informed.

I hope you find this information helpful and please do not hesitate to contact your son/daughter's Guidance teacher or House Head in the first instance should you require any further information.

Yours sincerely



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