



# Study Skills for Parents/Guardians

## How to Use This Guide

This guide should help you as a parent/ guardian to guide your young person towards the right resources and tasks to help them be as successful as possible.

Faculties have also detailed how to revise for each subject and what supported study sessions are on offer.

**Any underlined phrases are a hyperlink to a useful resource.**

## Achieve



All S4-6 pupils have a login to access Achieve, a digital learning resource to help prepare for National 5 and higher exams. This online resource will:

- breakdown key topics
- clearly explain concepts with illustrations
- Directs pupils to useful links and free resources
- Questions are in SQA exam questions style and includes solutions.
- Online assessments test understanding
- Helps identify your strengths and areas for improvement.

Sign up using your school email and our code: **5yHagBv3**

## Parent Webinars

How You Can Help Your Child Prepare for Exams  
March 3, 6:00-7:00pm

How You Can Support Your Child During Exams  
March 17, 6:00-7:00pm

Access the webinar and find upcoming events [here](#)

## Study Tasks

- Create a [revision clock](#)
- [Brain dump](#) your knowledge
- Create flash cards using [Quizlet](#)
- Create questions and answers to [quiz yourself](#)



## Useful Links

- [SQA past papers](#)
- [SQA Exam Timetable](#)
- [Achieve](#)
- [BBC Bitesize- National 5](#)
- [BBC Bitesize- Higher](#)
- [E-sGoil Study Sessions](#)



## Important Dates

Follow the [Assessment Calendar](#) for class assessments.

Find exam dates on the [SQA Exam Timetable](#).



# Languages Faculty

## Supported Study

Available on request at lunchtimes.  
Please speak to your class teacher.



## English-National 5/ Higher



- Read opinion news articles from The Guardian and similar papers and summarise the key ideas.
- Complete one-pagers that summarise theme and key ideas for each of your Carol Ann Duffy poems, or for the different acts of Sailmaker (National 5 only).
- Complete practice paragraphs for critical essay questions from past papers.
- Complete past papers on the SQA past paper site.

## English-Advanced Higher



- Read a variety of poetry, prose fiction, prose non-fiction, and drama texts to build up your understanding of writer's language for your textual analysis and portfolio.
- Read and make notes on journal articles relating to your Literary Study texts and your chosen dissertation texts.
- Complete practise paragraphs for Literary study questions from past papers.
- Complete past papers on the SQA past paper site.

## Spanish- National 5



- Revise vocabulary lists from past papers and create flashcards.
- Revise grammar/conjugation in the N5 Spanish vocab booklet.
- Writing: Practice all bullet points.
- Speaking: Pupils have their last version posted
- Use feedback given on all areas to create your revision focus.

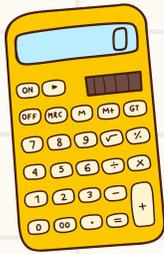
All the revision documents are in Google Classroom (N5 Past Papers + Key Vocabulary and Revision)

## ESOL- National 5



- Read articles on-line about current affairs/news: for vocabulary and point of view revision.
- Listen to debates or talk shows on-line and switch on the subtitles- note down new words and expressions and try to use these yourself when you write or speak.
- Use the free on-line Cambridge English dictionary to check the meaning of new words.
- Use the SQA website to access past papers and look at the format of the questions (how the questions are asked).

# Maths Faculty



## Supported Study

Room 213 at lunchtime every Monday and Wednesday, or by arrangement with your teacher.

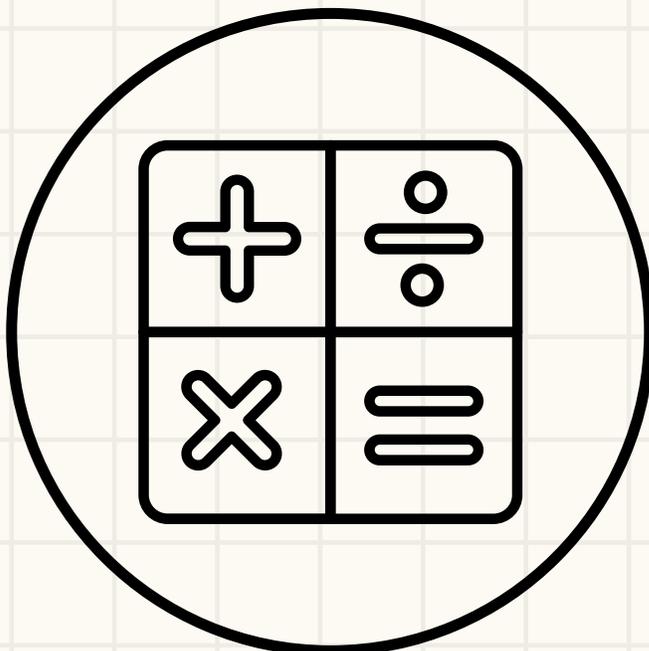
## National 5 Maths/ Application of Maths

Use resources posted by your teacher on Google Classroom.

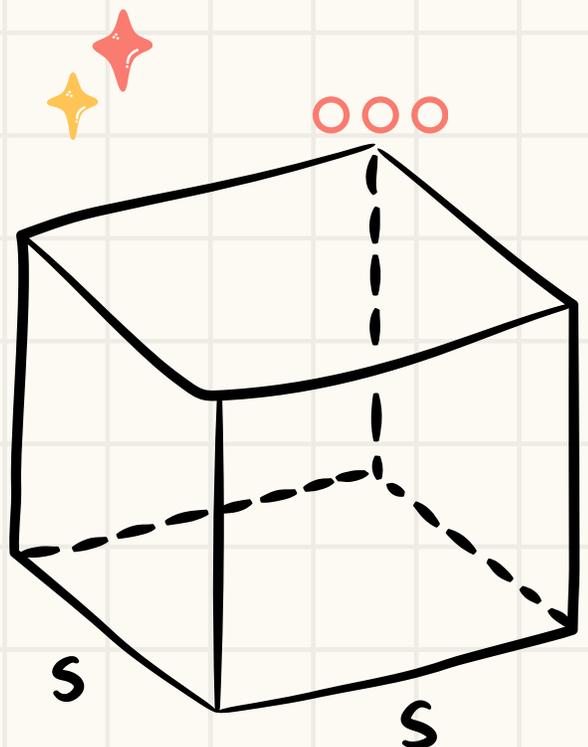
- This website is useful for N5 revision of concepts and strategies/
- Complete revision with and without a calculator (if appropriate) so you are prepared for the non-calculator sections.
- Complete SQA past papers and ask your teachers for any questions that you can currently miss out.

## Higher Maths/ Application of Maths

- Use resources posted by your teacher on Google Classroom.
- This website is useful for Higher revision of concepts and strategies/
- Complete revision with and without a calculator (if appropriate) so you are prepared for the non-calculator sections.
- Complete SQA past papers and ask your teachers for any questions that you can currently miss out.



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# Expressive Arts Faculty

## Supported Study

Art/ Photography-Additional study support sessions are available to all pupils at lunch and after school on request.  
Drama- run weekly at lunchtimes. See your class teacher to book.  
Music- practice rooms available at lunch.



## Art and Design

- All Critical Art and Design Studies notes are on the Google Classroom
  - Make yourself familiar with all information posted.
  - Practical Folio deadlines require that you set your own individualised homework weekly to ensure you keep up to date with course requirements.
- Additional study support sessions are available to all pupils at lunch and after school on request.

## Drama



- Drama terminology must be continually revised to ensure understanding.
- Focus on: Voice, Movement, All Production Skill areas
- Use SQA Past Papers as part of your revision by planning out responses to past paper questions.
- All revision material such as Drama terminology and How To guides will be on Google Classroom.
- Rehearsals outside of class time are included as part of revision.

## Music



- Regular practice on BOTH instruments presented for SQA exams.
- Highlight/personalise sheet music to support learning.
- Revision and support materials can be accessed via the school site links below:  
National 5      Higher

## Photography



- All Critical Studies notes are on the Google Classroom
  - Make yourself familiar with all information posted.
- Practical Folio deadlines require that you set your own individualised homework weekly to ensure you keep up to date with course requirements.

# Business/Computing Faculty

## Supported Study

Available on request.

Please speak to your class teacher.

## Business Management

- Review Theory Notes - slides for every topic available on Google Classroom and in the pupil Google Drive
- Review Command Words help sheets and examples on Google Classroom to ensure enough detail is being used in answers
- Make use of Google Classroom, Scholar and Achieve for additional practice questions and activities
- Complete Past Papers and review Understanding Standards material to enhance understanding of how marks are allocated - SQA website

## Accounting

- Practice completing as many exercises as possible to help with memorising layouts - notes and exercises with solutions available for every topic available on Google Classroom
- Additional exercises and notes on *Achieve*
- Bright Red Accounting Textbook/Digital Zone - pupils can create a free digital account using their Google email
- Complete Past Papers and review Understanding Standards material to enhance understanding of how marks are allocated

## Computing Science

- Ensure they are familiar with the Standard Algorithms for Software Design and Development.
- Practice writing code on paper for both Software Design (Python) and Web Design (HTML).
- Revise Computer Systems and Data Representation, ensure they can calculate binary.
- Complete past papers on the SQA past paper site.



# Social Subjects Faculty

## Supported Study

Modern Studies- Thursday lunchtimes  
History- Thursday lunchtimes  
Geography and RMPS- please see class teacher to arrange

## Modern Studies



- Regularly review key revision resources on Google Classroom, including key revision note packs, KU question banks, essay banks and collated SQA source question examples.
- Access SQA past papers questions- example SQA questions can be completed and shared with class teachers to receive further feedback.
- Review SQA Understanding Standards resources to see examples of student work completed in final exams and learn from what they did well / what they could work on to apply it to your own

## History



- Regularly review key revision resources on Google Classroom, including key revision note packs, 'How to Guides' for exam questions, separate 'revision' Classrooms will be created as we approach Estimate / SQA Exams).
- Access SQA past paper questions - example SQA questions can be completed and shared with class teachers to receive further feedback.
- Review SQA Understanding Standards resources to see examples of student work completed in final exams and learn from what they did well / what they could work on to apply it to your own answers.
- Review resources available on ACHIEVE under our key units.

## Geography



- Regularly review key revision resources on Google Classroom, including key revision note packs.
- Access SQA past papers- example SQA questions can be completed and shared with class teachers to receive further feedback.
- Review SQA Understanding Standards resources to see examples of student work completed in final exams and learn from what they did well / what they could work on to apply it to your own answers.

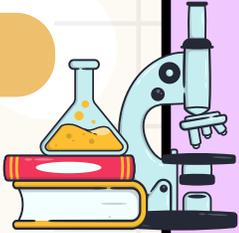
## RMPS



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- Access SQA past papers-example SQA questions can be completed and shared with class teachers to receive further feedback.
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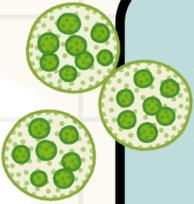
# Science Faculty



## Supported Study

Biology N5- Tues lunch in 111  
Higher Human- Wed lunch in 113  
Chemistry N5- Tues lunch in 114 and/or Fri lunch 109  
Higher open door policy  
Physics N5- Wed lunch in 112  
Higher- Tues lunch in 112

The faculty also offer an open door policy and are happy to help out anytime.

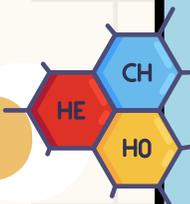


## Biology

- The Google Sites for each Science subject (link on learners Google Classroom) offer revision resources.
- The Google Classrooms have Success Criteria traffic lighting sheets and assessment recovery guides to pinpoint areas of strength and areas to work on.
- Candidates should ensure they also practise past paper questions under exam conditions. Please see your class teacher if you are unsure of assigning timings questions.

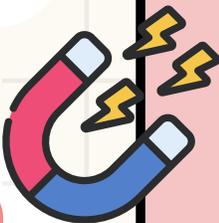
## Chemistry

- Use Google Classroom resources and N4/5 Google Site to review slides, notes and practice problems.
- Complete Past Paper Questions, including Problem Solving and Open Questions
- Pupils should ensure they review the relevant section of their notes, SQA course specification and Google Classroom/Site resources before attending supported study sessions to get the most from these sessions focussed on exam technique.



## Physics

- The Google Sites for each Science subject (link on learners Google Classroom) offer revision resources.
- The Google Classrooms have Success Criteria traffic lighting sheets and assessment recovery guides to pinpoint areas of strength and areas to work on.
- Candidates should ensure they also practise past paper questions under exam conditions. Please see your class teacher if you are unsure of assigning timings questions.



# PE Faculty



## Supported Study

Available on request.  
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## National 5 PE

### Portfolio Revision Advice

- Read and practice the structures given for each portfolio question, from your Google Classroom.
- Make use of the Understanding Standards for the Portfolio on the SQA website.
- Use BBC Bitesize for extra help and to revise.



## Higher PE- Exam Revision

- Read through class notes and PowerPoints given in class.
- Complete past papers using Save My Exams or on the SQA website.
- Make use of Achieve - code to get into our classroom is sme3eT.
- Use BBC Bitesize to test your knowledge.



# Home Economics Faculty

## Practical Cookery- National 5

- Practice skills for the practical Exam.
- Practice timeplans / assignments and hand in for marking and feedback
- Complete past papers on the SQA past paper site.
- Revision sessions will take place at lunch time on set days. These will start the first lesson w.b. March 26th.

