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Dear Parent/Carer,

### **National 5 Assessments**

With the cancellation of the exam diet for 2021, the normal model of certification has been replaced by one where National 5 courses will be assessed using an alternative certification approach, based on teacher judgement supported by assessment resources and quality assurance. As a school, we have designed a rationale for assessment that we believe gives our pupils the best chance of succeeding.

Our pupils will be assessed on an ongoing basis throughout the school year to ensure that we have as accurate a picture about their attainment as possible over the session. We are very conscious of the burden that over assessment (too many tests) can place on young people and have endeavoured to create a model that allows staff to make well informed decisions about a young person's ability, without subjecting pupils to constant barrages of assessment. By adopting a model of continuous assessment, we are encouraging our pupils to demonstrate their abilities across the session rather than aim for one high pressure moment at the end of the school year. All of these assessments will be taken into consideration when teachers make decisions about a young person's final awarded grade for National 5.

Departments have selected dates to assess pupils that provide natural stopping points in the pupils' learning; rather than the learning being squeezed to match with a pre-selected assessment date. Please find below this letter a copy of each Department's assessment dates. These dates will be shared on Google Classroom and placed in the Weekly Bulletin to remind pupils about upcoming assessments.

Please note, that given the uncertain nature of the current situation, these dates may have to change. You will also notice that some of the later dates on the calendars are marked as TBC. We will ensure that these dates are populated as soon as possible and that any unforeseen circumstances that may lead to changes in assessment dates are communicated to parents and pupils with plenty of notice.

### **Departmental SQA Assessments**

- Pupils will sit their assessments during a double block of the subject that they are being assessed in
- All assessments will be carried out under exam conditions
- Pupils entitled to Additional Assessment Arrangements will receive them for each of their assessments
- Pupils will receive feedback for each assessment

Yours sincerely,

**Dr J Vance**  
**Rector**

**ART & DESIGN  
NATIONAL 5 ASSESSMENT RATIONALE  
2020-21**

<b>ASSESSMENT</b>	<b>COMPONENTS</b>	<b>CONTENT</b>	<b>WHEN</b>
1	<b>Expressive Folio Coursework</b> Internally marked with SQA verification 100 marks	Minimum requirements: 2 Analytical drawings 2 Developments/compositions Final outcome Evaluation	23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov 2020
2	<b>Critical Studies</b> Expressive 1 hour 25 marks	Question paper One mandatory question (two studied artists) One optional question (blind analysis)	Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2020
3	<b>Critical Studies</b> Design 1 hour 25 marks	Question paper One mandatory question (two studied designers) One optional question (blind analysis)	2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2021
4	<b>Design Folio Coursework</b> Internally marked, moderated with SQA verification 100 marks	Minimum requirements: Design brief/Theme/Market Research Two developments of one idea Final outcome Evaluation	24 <sup>th</sup> March 2021
5	<b>Critical Studies</b> Expressive or Design 1 hour 25 marks	Question paper One mandatory question (two studied artists or designers) 1 optional question (expressive or design blind analysis)	April 2021 (tbc)

**Notes:**

- The learner's overall grade will be determined by their performance in their Expressive and Design portfolio coursework (80 %). In addition, all three critical studies assessments, class activities and assignments will also be considered (20%).

## **Business Faculty**

### **NATIONAL 5 ASSESSMENT RATIONALE 2020-21**

#### **N5 ACCOUNTING**

<b>ASSESSMENT</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>MARKS</b>
Unit 1 Management Accounting Part 1	19/11/20	Double block	50
Unit 1 Management Accounting Part 2	02/12/20	Block	32
Unit 1 SQA assessments (6 tasks) complete	By 04/12/20	Block each	Pass/Fail
Unit 2 Financial Accounting Sole trader and sources of finance	09/12/20	TBC	TBC
Unit 2 Financial Accounting Business documents	16/12/20	TBC	TBC
Unit 2 Financial Accounting Trial balance	TBC	TBC	TBC
Unit 2 Financial Accounting Financial statements	TBC	TBC	TBC
Unit 2 Financial Accounting Correction of errors	TBC	TBC	TBC
Unit 2 Financial Accounting Ratios	TBC	TBC	TBC
Unit 2 SQA assessments complete	By 26/03/21	Block each	Pass/Fail
Full Exam	April 2021	TBC	130

#### **N5 BUSINESS MANAGEMENT**

<b>ASSESSMENT</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>MARKS</b>
Unit 1 Understanding Business	03/09/20	21 mins	14
Unit 2 Marketing	05/10/20	21 mins	14
Unit 3 Operations Management	24/11/20	21 mins	14
Unit 4 People Management	TBC	21 mins	14
Unit 5 Finance Management	TBC	21 mins	14
Full Exam	April		

## N5 ADMINISTRATION

ASSESSMENT	DATE	TIME	MARKS
Test <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Spreadsheet</li><li>• Customer Service</li><li>• Admin Assistant</li></ul>	1st October	Double Block	/31
Communications <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PowerPoint</li><li>• Ediary</li><li>• Email</li></ul>	7th October	Double Block	/30
Word Processing Test	10th December	Double Block	/30
Assignment <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• DTP/Word (27-33 marks)</li><li>• Communication (27-33 marks)</li><li>• Theory (7 marks)</li></ul>	February ( exact date tbc)	3 hours Maximum of 2 sittings	/70
Full Exam <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Spreadsheets (23 marks)</li><li>• Theory (17 marks)</li></ul>	Apr (tbc)	1 ½ hours	/40

CDT Faculty  
NATIONAL 5 ASSESSMENT RATIONALE  
2020-21

**National 5 Graphic Communication**

<b><i>Assessment Activities</i></b>	<b><i>Date</i></b>
<b><i>Assessment 1</i></b> Practice Folio	Ongoing during class time
<b><i>Assessment 2</i></b> Written Exam 1	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> of January 2021
<b><i>Assessment 3</i></b> Written Exam 2	April 2021 (tbc)

**National 5 Design & Manufacture**

<b><i>Assessment Activities</i></b>	<b><i>Date</i></b>
<b><i>Assessment 1</i></b> Practice Folio	Ongoing during class time
<b><i>Assessment 2</i></b> Written Exam 1	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> of January 2021
<b><i>Assessment 3</i></b> Written Exam 2	April 2021 (tbc)

**National 5 Practical Woodworking**

<b><i>Assessment Activities</i></b>	<b><i>Date</i></b>
<b><i>Assessment 1</i></b> Practice Models	Ongoing during class time
<b><i>Assessment 2</i></b> Written Exam 1	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> of January 2021
<b><i>Assessment 3</i></b> Written Exam 2	April 2021 (tbc)

## Drama

### NATIONAL 5 ASSESSMENT RATIONALE 2020-21

ASSESSMENT	COMPONENTS	CONTENT	WHEN
1	Written paper 60 marks	All national 3/4/5 concepts.	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> of January 2021
2	Written paper 60 marks	All national 3/4/5 concepts.	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> of February 2021
3	Final Written Paper 60 marks Worth 40% of final grade	Section 1. 20 marks Consider a performance you have taken part in during your course as either an actor or in a production role. Answer evaluative questions regarding your experience.  Section 2. 40 marks Choose from a variety of given stimuli to develop ideas for a drama. Questions range on development of concept through to production.	April 2021 (tbc)
5	Final Acting/ Tech Exam	Working from the candidate's greatest strengths the student.  Performance piece each, in groups, in front of an audience. All performances will be recorded.	March 2021 Full day (tbc)

#### Notes

1. The Written Paper counts for 40% of the overall course award.
2. Acting counts for 60% of the overall course award

## Drama

### NATIONAL PROGRESSION AWARDS – ACTING AND PERFORMANCE 2020-21

ASSESSMENT	COMPONENTS	CONTENT	WHEN
1	Devised Performance	A compilation of the creation, production, and presentation of a devised piece of theatre.	November 2020
2	Final Performance	A compilation of the script work, production and rehearsal to present a final performance,	March 2021

#### Notes

1. Two major written papers and various other written assignments need to be completed in order to pass this course.

## English

### NATIONAL 5 ASSESSMENT RATIONALE 2020-21

ASSESSMENT	COMPONENTS	CONTENT	WHEN
1	Writing Portfolio	Discursive/Creative Writing piece	Ongoing
2	Paper 1 - RUAE	Reading for Understanding, Analysis and Evaluation paper	WB 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2020  As per timetabled blocks
3	Paper 2 - Critical Reading Aspect	In class, timed practice of one element of paper 2 depending on what has been covered at this stage of the course.	End of February 2021
4	Paper 1 RUAE  Paper 2 Critical Reading	Exam style papers covering the whole exam section of the course including: RUAE, Scottish Set Text and Critical Essay	April 2021 (tbc)

## Modern Languages

### NATIONAL 5 ASSESSMENT RATIONALE 2020-21

ASSESSMENT	COMPONENTS	CONTENT	WHEN
1	Reading	Reading Unit Assessment – Understanding Language	Spanish November 2020  French January 2021 (tbc)
2	Listening	Listening paper	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> of December
3	Speaking	Assessment of French/Spanish Talking skills	<i>French</i> December 2020  <i>Spanish</i> Feb/March 2021
4	Reading & Writing	Exam style paper covering the whole exam section of the course including:	April 2021 (tbc)



## Mathematics

### NATIONAL 5 ASSESSMENT RATIONALE 2020-21

ASSESSMENT	COMPONENTS	CONTENT	WHEN
1	Paper 1 Non-calculator 1 hour 40 marks	Mathematical and numeracy skills covered thus far in the course.	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> of December  As per timetabled blocks
	Paper 2 Calculator 1 hour 30 minutes 50 marks		
2	Paper 1 Non-calculator 1 hour 40 marks	Mathematical and numeracy skills covered thus far in the course.	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> of February  As per timetabled blocks
	Paper 2 Calculator 1 hour 30 minutes 50 marks		
3	Paper 1 Non-calculator 1 hour 40 marks	Mathematical and numeracy skills covering the whole course including: algebra, geometry, trigonometry and statistics.	April/May 2021 (tbc)
	Paper 2 Calculator 1 hour 30 minutes 50 marks		

## Music

### NATIONAL 5 ASSESSMENT RATIONALE 2020-21

ASSESSMENT	COMPONENTS	CONTENT	WHEN
1	Practical Prelim About 2 minutes on each instrument	Half of each pupil's final programme, usually one piece on each instrument. All exams will be recorded.	November 2020
2	Listening Paper 50 minutes 40 marks	All National 3, 4 and 5 concepts.	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> & Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> of December
3	Listening Paper 50 minutes 40 marks	All National 3, 4 and 5 concepts.	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> of January 2021
4	Listening Paper 50 minutes 40 marks	All National 3, 4 and 5 concepts.	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> of February 2021
5	Final Practical Exam – over 3 days	Full programme. This year's requirements are 6 minutes - 6 minutes 30 for both instruments, usually two pieces on each. Instruments can be played on different days. All exams will be recorded.	March/April 2021 (tbc)

#### Notes

1. This year, the Listening Paper counts for 40% of the overall course award.
2. This year, each instrument counts for 30% of the overall course award

## PE

### NATIONAL 5 ASSESSMENT RATIONALE 2020-21

<i>Assessment Activities</i>	<i>Date</i>
<i>Portfolio of Coursework</i>	Ongoing throughout the year

## Science Faculty

### NATIONAL 5 ASSESSMENT RATIONALE 2020-21

#### National 5 Biology

<b>Assessment Activities</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Assessment 1</b> Covering Unit 1	Early October 2020 1hr 15min
<b>Assessment 2</b> Covering Units 1 & 2	19 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> January 2021 2hr 30min (split into parts A and B)
<b>Assessment 3</b> Covering Units 1,2 & 3	Late April/early May 2021 2hr 30min (split into parts A and B)

#### National 5 Chemistry

<b>Assessment Activities</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Assessment 1</b> Covering Unit 2	September 2020
<b>Assessment 2</b> Unit 1 - Rate	October 2020
<b>Assessment 3</b> Covering Unit 1 – Structure & Bonding	November 2020
<b>Assessment 4</b> Covering all of Units 1 & 2	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> of December (Column A & E) Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> of December (Column C)  1hr 15min
<b>Assessment 5</b> Covering Units 1, 2 & 3	30 <sup>th</sup> of March – 1 <sup>st</sup> of April (tbc)  3hrs / 2x 1hr 30min

## National 5 Physics

<b>Assessment Activities</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Assessment 1</b> Covering Unit 1 MCQ & Written	Thursday 17th December 2020  1hr 30min
<b>Assessment 2</b> Covering Units 1 & 2  2 x Papers (MCQ & Written)	Wed 24th February 2021  Thu 25th February 2021
<b>Assessment 3</b> Covering Units 1,2 & 3	April 2021 (tbc)

## Social Subjects (Geography, History, Modern Studies and RMPS)

### NATIONAL 5 ASSESSMENT RATIONALE 2020-21

Date	Time	Assessment
<b><u>December</u></b>	30-45 minutes	End of unit assessment which will test the most recent unit of work.  Pupils will be told what to expect in the class test
<b><u>January</u></b>  <b>History:</b> Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>  <b>Geography:</b> Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>  <b>Modern Studies:</b>  Column B Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>  Column C Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>  <b>RMPS:</b> Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	60-90 minutes	An assessment which will test knowledge and skills from two sections of the N5 course.  Pupils will be told what to expect in the class test.
<b><u>March/April</u></b>  (tbc)	60-90 minutes	An assessment which could test all sections and skills of the N5 course.