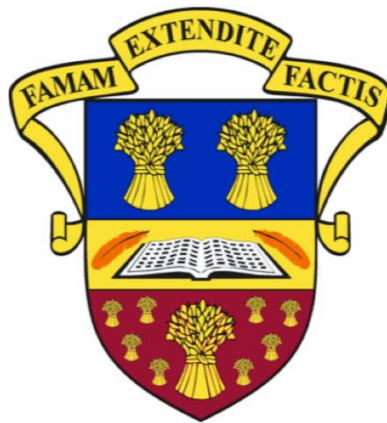


Ellon Academy Community Campus



Senior Phase
Faculty Support 2016/2017



Rector's Foreword

Dear Pupils, Parents and Carers,

Ellon Academy staff are fully committed to supporting pupils to achieve their full potential in skills development, wider achievement and reaching personal goals in SQA exams.

As well as in class support and on-going feedback on learning and progress, the staff at Ellon Academy have always been committed to offering additional support in their own time, to assist pupils during these crucial last few weeks leading up to their SQA exams in May.

This booklet details all of the additional help and support sessions and clubs on offer to all of our senior phase pupils, and with your support, I would strongly encourage all pupils to take full advantage of these additional opportunities.

I am also passionate that pupils are not only academically prepared but mentally prepared too. Exam time can be very stressful for young people and their parents/carers, so with the support and expertise of staff in school, and our Educational Psychology service, we will be offering health and wellbeing 'Keep Calm, it's Your Exam' sessions on exam motivation on Friday 24th March for all S4, S5 and S6 pupils and a menu of other op-in sessions on Wednesday afternoons including study skills, keeping healthy in mind and body, Mindfulness and Growth Mindset. Dates will be issued to pupils in the next two weeks.

I hope that in partnership together, all of our pupils will be able to raise their aspirations, reach their personal goals and release their full potential, so that they are able to achieve their dreams in life.

Pauline Buchan, Rector (Acting)
Ellon Academy Community Campus

Business Education

Subjects: Business Management, Accounts, Administration, Economics

All staff have informed pupils in the Business Education Faculty when the numerous revision drop in times are for each subject and which resources to use to enhance examination and assignment preparation. The most important and essential factor for success is that pupils attend ALL lessons so our staff can support them to complete all set tasks to the best of their ability. Additionally, the following support strategies will also help pupils to maximise their potential:

- Intense, extra, revision support classes are on offer for those pupils who gained less than 40% in the Prelim.
- Attending the lunch time and after school support sessions on offer for all the subject and exam levels in this faculty. (Pupils are told times by their teachers).
- Completing individual extra work set for particular pupils to do at home for extra support.
- Using past papers to do exam practice
- Studying the past papers and subject specific advice on the SQA website
- Using the BBC Bitesize revision site
- Using advice notes given in classes: it is essential pupils follow - to the letter - advice given to them about how to answer examination questions. Many marks can be lost through not answering questions in the correct way, with the correct terms being used.
- Asking teachers for help as and when required.

Creative Arts

Subjects: Art and Design, Drama, Music and Music Technology

Staff have encouraged their pupils to come to the Faculty at various times. Staff have been on hand to offer advice and teaching points. All subjects in the Faculty have offered support.

1. During Study Leave
2. Lunchtime sessions – drop in
3. After school sessions – drop in
4. Study periods
5. Working in specialist areas, specifically: the theatre, music practice rooms, recording studio, art areas.

English

Subjects: English, Media

English is a skills based subject. You have been developing the necessary skills for years. English is not a subject that you can crash revise for. You need to do little and often over a longer period of time.

Reading for Understanding, Analysis and Evaluation

- Use the Understanding Standards website to review the quality of answers rewarded by the SQA. You could do the paper and then compare your answers to the examples provided to see if you would be awarded the mark
- Do past papers/model papers and then ask a friend to check your answers using the marking scheme. You could coordinate which papers you do with classmates and then swap.
- Read good quality newspaper articles. This will increase your familiarity with the type of text you will face and increase your general knowledge
- Revise the different question types and how you need to answer them
- Use BBC Bitesize and Scholar sites to support your revision at home. You can revise the content and take interactive tests

Scottish Texts

- Read over your texts and check that you have all the annotations (materials available on GLOW)
- Create a theme scheme – put the titles of the texts down one side of paper and the possible focus areas for the final question across the top and create a cross-reference chart so that you know where you might find evidence for different types of questions
- Revise the structure for answering the final question – Commonality2 /Extract2/Other 6/8-C2E2O6/8
- Look over the past/model papers and focus on the final question. Make a plan for answering the different types of questions
- Learn at least 2/3 quotations from each poem to give you a good spread

Critical Essay

- Re-read your text
- Revise critical essay structure
- Make a critical terminology word bank
- Revise essay plans/approaches to different types of questions
- Use exemplars issued/Understanding Standards site to compare your essays and mark against SQA criteria
- Look at past paper questions and discuss with classmates/peers how you would tackle the question
- To learn quotations:
 - Write the quotations you want to learn on a piece of paper and put a blank sheet on the other side of the room. Look at the quotation then walk across the room and write it down on the blank sheet
 - make flash cards with the quotation on one side and the analysis on the other – test that you can remember both
 - make quotation quizzes – write down three quotations which show that Lady Macbeth doubts Macbeth's ability...for example

Health and Wellbeing

Lunchtime revision and catch-up sessions are offered every week on a Tuesday (F51); Thursday (F2) and Friday (G70). These are available to all pupils in Health and Wellbeing.

Hospitality National 4/5:

- Ensure specific and detailed completion of your time plan prior to your final exam date
- Practice skills and cookery processes at home focussing on the ones you know are going to be required in your final exam
- Access recipes and resources on the Glow page to help in your preparation for the final exam
- Staff are willing to make the facilities in school available for after school practice sessions. Please speak to your teacher about this
- **Note the date of your final exam and ensure you are in attendance**

In addition National 5 pupils should:

- Attend demonstration lessons for all 3 dishes of the final exam (an after school session has been offered for those pupils missing their Hospitality lesson due to drama exams. Information available from your teacher)

Physical Education National 4/5:

- Ensure you complete all practical work to secure achievement of the Performance Skills Unit

In addition National 4 pupils should:

- Ensure you are appropriately prepared for all unit assessment write ups
- Ensure you have completed all tasks relevant for your final performance Added Value Unit

In addition National 5 pupils should:

- Prepare appropriately for each portfolio write-up
- Attend all portfolio write-up lessons
- If you fall behind, take the initiative to attend catch-up sessions
- Ensure you complete your final performance, preparation and evaluation course assessment task to the best of your ability

Physical Education Higher:

- Ensure you complete your final performance, preparation and evaluation course assessment task to the best of your ability
- Ensure you complete all practical work to ensure achievement of the Performance Skills Unit
- Attend all lessons to further consolidate knowledge and understanding of course content
- Access support and revision materials on Glow and the wiki page <https://ellonpe.wikispaces.com>
- Complete past paper questions and submit for black marking
- Use the Understanding Standards website to review answers and marks awarded by the SQA

Humanities

Modern Studies

Revision Area	Time and Date	Revision Resources
N5 Skills Revision	Thursday - After School S32 Mr Lindsay	BBC Bitesize SQA Past Papers https://www.modernity.scot/ P: ellon U: glentress17
N5 KU Revision	Wednesday - Lunchtime S28 Mrs Leslie	
Higher Skills Revision	Thursday – After School S28 Mrs Leslie	
Higher KU Revision	Tuesday – After School S32 Mr Lindsay	

The Modern Studies Department have an open door policy where teachers are available to help.

History

Level	Day/Place	Materials
Higher/Advanced Higher	Wednesday lunchtimes (12.30 - 1.10) S37 Miss Cargill	Glow Course notes textbook issued from school BBC Bitesize N5 - We have all past paper and marking schemes bullet pointed for pupils on GLOW (<i>highly recommend</i>) N5 revision guide can be purchased from department (£3)
National 5	Thursday after school S34 Mr Winterbottom	

The History Department have an open door policy where teachers are available to help.

RMPS

Level	Day/Place	Revision Resources
N5	Wednesday lunchtime – Mr McLean S25	Department revision booklets and notes BBC Bitesize SQA Past Papers
Higher	Thursday after school – Mr Paterson S24 23 rd and 30 th March 3.00-4.00 20 th and 27 th April 3.00-4.00	
Senior Pupils	Wednesday P5&6 – drop in during study periods	

The RMPS Department have an open door policy where teachers are available to help.

Geography

All outcomes for National 5 and Higher Geography need to be completed before the pupils go on study leave.

Level	Topic	Day/Place
Higher	Outcome/unit assessments	Wednesday P6.
N5	Outcome/unit assessments	Wednesday lunchtime

Revision sessions:

Level	Topic	Day/Place	Revision Resources
N5	Human Issues	20/3/2017 Miss Thompson S18 – After School	BBC Bitesize SQA Understanding Standards Website SQA Past Exam Papers
	Global Issues	19/3/2017 Mrs Adamson S21 – After School	
	Physical Environments	24/4/2017 Miss Thompson S18 – After School	
Higher	Global Issues	18/4/2017 Ms Tomlinson S19 – After School	
	Human Issues	22/3/2017 Mrs Adamson S21 – After School	
	Physical Environments	26/4/2017 Ms Tomlinson S19 – After School	

The Geography Department have an open door policy where teachers are available to help.

Library

Study Support Resources available from Ellon Academy Community Campus Library and Aberdeenshire Libraries

Pupils have access to a wide range of general revision, exam and study skills resources from the academy library. For example: -

- “Get Better Grades” by M Agnew
- “Study Skills and Strategies” by M McInally
- “The Good Study Guide” by A Northedge
- “How to Pass Exams: accelerate your learning, memorize key facts and revise effectively” by D O’Brien
- “Study for Success” by T Phipps
- “Learn to Learn: a comprehensive guide to effective study for secondary learning and exam preparation” by S Cochrane (Bright Red Publishing)
- “N5 and Higher Study Skills” by D Brown (Leckie & Leckie)

Subject Support

N4, N5, Higher and some Advanced Higher subject specific study guides are located in the Study Support Area of the academy library. These include the Hodder Gibson “How to Pass” Revision Guides, Leckie & Leckie “Success Guides” and a wide selection of Bright Red Study Guides.

These resources are available for pupils to access in the library and to borrow.

Online catalogue

<https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/libraries/catalogue/>

Choose SEARCH THE CATALOGUE

Pupils can search the online catalogue to check for items available in Ellon Academy Library and across Aberdeenshire Libraries. Items available at other libraries can be reserved online and collected from Ellon Academy Library or nearest branch library. Any pupil unsure of his/her library borrower or pin number should speak to a member of the library team.

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Gain access to hundreds of study guides and past papers via our **academic e-book collection**. Home access (use Google Chrome)

- <https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/libraries/catalogue/>
- On the left hand side of the page choose ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL EBOOKS
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- Choose to read online – this allows you to print or copy from the book
- Choose to download – this is like borrowing a traditional library book as the ebook is loaned to you for a limited time, usually 1 or 2 days. Please note that downloaded ebooks will not allow you to print or copy from the text.

Mathematics

Subjects: Maths, Lifeskills Maths

5 drop-in sessions available per week, 3 after school and 2 at lunchtime, plus one drop-in session on Wednesday, specifically for Higher pupils.

Day / Time	Teacher(s)	Room	Notes
Monday Lunchtime 1315 - 1345	Mrs Macdonald	F11	all year groups & levels
Tuesday After School 1530 - 1630	Mr McClarence	F12	all year groups & levels
Wednesday Lunchtime 1225 - 1305	Mr Lees	F22	all year groups & levels
Wednesday After School 1450 - 1600	Mrs Macdonald	F11	Higher only
Wednesday After School 1450 - 1600	Mr Carey	F23	all year groups & levels
Thursday After School 1450 - 1600	Mr Holligan	F21	all year groups & levels
Quiet Study Area - lunchtimes & 'free periods'	n/a	Maths Opening Learning	all year groups & levels as appropriate

All pupils provided with a post prelim profile sheet highlighting areas of strength and areas requiring revision and practise.

Pupils provided with a schedule of past papers to complete.

Glow Maths website – pupils use to access revision work and papers

R Lees has You Tube video channel with step by step of how to do examples

All pupils have access to “my Maths” website

BBC Bitesize revision site

Modern & Foreign Languages

We have numerous web pages which allow students to revise vocabulary pertaining to all levels of French from National 5 through to Revised Advanced Higher. There are also sites dedicated to the practice of French and German writing which students may access. See below:-

National 5 French: Challenging Vocabulary:	https://www.quia.com/jg/475227.html
National 5 French: Basic Vocabulary:	https://www.quia.com/fc/1081377.html
Higher French Vocabulary:	https://www.quia.com/fc/1468044.html
Higher French Directed Writing:	https://www.quia.com/jg/2359587.html
Higher French Short Essay:	https://www.quia.com/fc/2359748.html
Advanced Higher French:	https://www.quia.com/fc/2704322.html
National 5 German:	https://www.quia.com/fc/538662.html
Higher German Vocabulary:	https://www.quia.com/fc/2135969.html
Higher German Short Essay:	https://www.quia.com/fc/2223369.html
Higher German Directed Writing:	https://www.quia.com/fc/2614168.html
Advanced Higher German Vocabulary:	https://www.quia.com/fc/2365375.html

Mrs Phelan runs revision classes for Higher German on Thursdays after school. Pupils are welcome to attend these sessions.

Pupils who require extra assistance should speak to their class teacher who will arrange a suitable day and time.

All National 5 Language students must KNOW their piece of writing off by heart in order to procure a good pass. Half learned work will be of little use to you on the day. Please ensure that you have a good dictionary to use on the day of the exam.

All Higher students must know their Directed Writing sentences off by heart. Likewise with the Short Essay Writing paper, students must know the content of this booklet if they are to do well in the May/ June exam.

Staff are available to help throughout study leave. Please take advantage of this opportunity should you require assistance.

Science

Subject: Biology

Lunchtime drop-in sessions. These will be mixed National 5 and Higher.

Monday	1:20-1:50	F34
Tuesday	1:20-1:50	F40
Wednesday	12:30-1:00	F39

Websites:

BBC Bitesize (N5/H)

Scholar (H/AH)

Glow – lots of materials available via school Biology site

<http://www.npfs.org.uk/national-5-revision-in-a-nutshell/>

<http://www.npfs.org.uk/new-higher-revision-guides/>

<http://nat5biopl.edubuzz.org>

Advanced Higher – summary notes and Scholar notes

Subject: Chemistry

Lunchtime drop-in sessions. These will be mixed National 5 and Higher.

Monday	1:20-1:50	F42
Friday	12.40-1:10	F42

Websites:

BBC Bitesize (N5/H)

Scholar (H/AH)

Evans2chemweb.co.uk (N5/H/AH)

<http://www.npfs.org.uk/national-5-revision-in-a-nutshell/>

<http://www.npfs.org.uk/new-higher-revision-guides/>

Subject: Physics

The Physics staff offer support at lunchtimes by arrangement. Pupils should ask their teacher for details.

Websites:

BBC Bitesize (N5/H)

Scholar (H/AH)

"Mr Smith's Physics Online" <http://physics-podcast.co.uk/>

"fizzics with mr mackenzie" <http://mrmackenzie.co.uk/>

<http://www.npfs.org.uk/national-5-revision-in-a-nutshell/>

<http://www.npfs.org.uk/new-higher-revision-guides/>

School Network:

Virtual Physics available at all levels

Technical

Subject: Design and Manufacture

Timelines issued to all pupils so they know what stage they should be at – texts will be sent home if pupils are not meeting deadlines

Supported Study Sessions each Tuesday lunchtime

Drop in sessions available every lunchtime and after school

Glow site – Course notes, revision notes, links to past papers, links to useful websites

Text Books by Leckie & Leckie

Design & Manufacture Success Guide

Design & Manufacture Course Notes

Subject: Engineering Science

Timelines issued to all pupils so they know what stage they should be at – texts will be sent home if pupils are not meeting deadlines

Nat 5 - Supported Study Sessions each Monday lunchtime

Higher – Supported Study Sessions each Thursday lunchtime

Drop in sessions available every lunchtime and after school

Glow site – Course notes, revision notes, links to past papers, links to useful websites

Text Books by Bright Red Publishing

N5 Engineering Science Study Guide

Subject: Graphic Communication

Timelines issued to all pupils so they know what stage they should be at – texts will be sent home if pupils not meeting deadlines.

Nat 5 - Supported Study Sessions each Tuesday lunchtime

Higher – Supported Study Sessions each Wednesday & Thursday 3.00 – 4.00pm

Adv Higher – Supported Study Sessions each Monday, Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes or after school

Drop in sessions available every lunchtime and after school

Glow site – Course notes, revision notes, links to past papers, links to useful websites

Text Books by Leckie & Leckie

N4 & 5 Graphic Communication Course Notes

Text Books by Bright Red Publishing

Higher Graphic Communication Course Notes