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Dear Parent/Carer

## Re S4-S6: Key Information re Study Leave and SQA (Scottish Qualifications Authority) Examinations Monday April 22<sup>nd</sup> - Friday May 31<sup>st</sup> 2024

I hope this communication finds you well as we near the end of another busy term and as the Easter holidays approach. I would like to draw your attention to some valuable information about your child's upcoming SQA exams.

### Easter School

We have had an overall incredibly positive response to our Easter School offerings. As previously intimated, classes can only run with viable student numbers and an updated and final version of our programme is available at [https://stkentigernsacademy.westlothian.org.uk/Study\\_Support](https://stkentigernsacademy.westlothian.org.uk/Study_Support)

In addition to Easter School, there are several online resources your child can access to help improve their outcome. These include:

**Achieve:** <https://achieve.hashtag-learning.co.uk/user-start/?next=/>

**BBC Bitesize:** <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/secondary>

**eSgoil:** <https://www.e-sgoil.com/s4-6/>

<https://e-sgoil.com/senior-phase/easter-study-support/>

**SQA Past Papers:** <https://www.sqa.org.uk/pastpapers/findpastpaper.htm>

### Immersion Days

Subjects will offer full or half day "Immersion days" a day or two prior to the SQA examination, taking cognisance of both the exam timetable and public holidays. The **Immersion Days will take place in school and students must wear their school uniform and sign in at the Attendance Office.**



## Study Leave

The SQA exam diet for session 2023-2024 begins on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April with latest return to school being Monday June 3<sup>rd</sup>. This will involve all S4-S6 students. As with previous years, during this exam diet period our Senior Phase students will be given time to study for and sit their SQA examinations, complete national courses and awards as well as being offered a programme of in-school learning or revision opportunities. This in school programme may vary for each learner.

In- school learning and revision opportunities during this study leave period, is dependent on everyone's exam diet but may include subject immersion days, opportunities to meet formally or informally with class teachers, targeted programmes of additional support, career related activities or opportunities to take part in other courses. Study leave can be summarised as follows:

- **All current S6 students** will be on Study Leave from **Monday April 22<sup>nd</sup>**.
- **All current S5 students** will be on Study Leave from **Monday April 22<sup>nd</sup>**, returning to school for a **S6 Conference day on Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> May** and then back to their new timetable on **Monday June 3<sup>rd</sup>**.
- **All current S4 students who are sitting four or more National 5 examinations will have full study leave from April 22<sup>nd</sup>, returning for an induction day on Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> May, and the returning to timetable on Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>**. This is dependent on all coursework and any National 4 work being completed and signed off by their teachers. All S4 students will be issued with an application for study leave form to complete and have signed by their subject teachers to indicate that all is completed prior to being granted full study leave. **This will be issued on Monday April 15<sup>th</sup> and must be returned to the Attendance Office by Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**.

S4 students who are being presented for 1,2 or 3 National 5 subjects will have some time in school to complete these National Awards and online materials will also be made available. This planned time will offer targeted support/ opportunities to complete national awards/courses, and other opportunities.

S4 students who are being presented at only National 4 or National 3 level will engage in a “Meaningful May” programme aimed at targeting attainment, wider achievement and wellbeing opportunities.

S4 students who attend our Multistudy will attend full time as normal.

S4 students will receive personalised information after the Easter holidays about their individual entitlement to study leave.

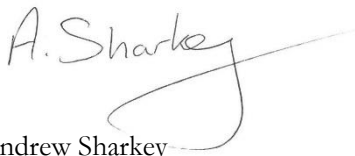
Remember that, as always, teaching staff are available throughout the exam period for support as required. This is over and above the additional timetabled study classes. If students are coming in to speak to teachers during their study leave, they should phone or email in advance to check their teacher’s availability and **must wear their school uniform**.

## **New Academic Session/ New Timetable**

The school will change to our new timetable on Monday June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The S5 induction day will take place on the 30<sup>th</sup> of May and the S6 Conference will be on the 31<sup>st</sup> May. ***It is essential that any student wishing to progress into S5 or S6 next session attends these days, and more information about them will be given to the students prior to the exam period.***

Students will have year group assemblies on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday April 16<sup>th</sup> where we will go over this information with them. I trust this all makes sense, and do not hesitate to contact your child's House Head if you wish to discuss further.

Yours faithfully

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Andrew Sharkey  
Head Teacher