



Dingwall News



DECEMBER

Christmas Socials

Pupils have all been issued with letters giving further information on the Socials including when tickets are on sale.

Tue 17th December	S1 & S2	7.30 – 10.30
Wed 18th December	S3 & S4	7.30 – 11.00
Thur 19th December	S5 & S6	7.30 – 11.00

Last day arrangements:

School closes for Christmas at 1.15 on Friday 20th December. Buses have been organised for the normal Friday time.

Pupils can choose to wear a Christmas Jumper to school on this date or to accessorize with tinsel etc...



Santa run:

All pupils are being asked to take part in the Santa run on Friday 13th December.



Senior pupils will take part periods 1 & 2 and junior pupils periods 4 & 5.

Santa hats will be provided!

This is a short newsletter providing key information for the end of term.

KEY DATES:

Monday 6th January
School re-opens 8.50

Monday 13th January
Prelim exams start for S4, S5 and S6

Monday 13th and 20th January
HPV injections

Thursday 23rd January
S2 reports and S3 option forms issued

Thursday 6th February
S3 option forms returned

Friday 14th Feb
S5 and S6 reports and S6 option forms issued

Mon 17th, Tues 18th and Wed 19th February
School closed to pupils

Prelim Information

The Prelim exams start on Monday 13th January.

The master timetable has already been published and can be viewed on the Google Communications Classroom or via the school website.

Pupils will also be issued with individual timetables showing accommodation and seat numbers.

Pupils with alternative arrangements will have an additional timetable issued before the start of the prelims.



Any pupils timetabled for 2 exams at the same time should see Ms Harrison asap.

STUDY ADVICE

We want everyone to enjoy a good Christmas holiday. However for pupils with prelims in January, time needs to be spent studying.

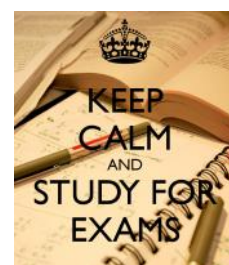
Do I need to study every day?

Nobody should study on Christmas Day! It is important that you have time to relax and enjoy Christmas with family and friends. However, you do need to devise a study plan for the holiday period.

How long should I study for?

As a rough guide you should be aiming for approximately 30 minutes each day per Higher and 25 minutes for each National 5. So if you are studying 5 Highers you should be looking to study for approximately 2 and a half hours each day. If you are studying for 5 National 5 subjects, you should be studying for approximately 2 hours each day. How long you study for will also depend on how much studying you have done to date, and the range of subjects you are doing.

What should I be doing? You will already have been given study advice from teachers. Studying should be about revising, practicing and producing resources. Don't spend your time producing pretty notes if they don't help you learn anything. At the end of each study session you should be able to talk confidently about the topic you have been studying. Produce a mind map, use index cards, work on Past Papers, prepare practice answers and then talk to somebody about what you have done.



What happens if I am absent on the day of a prelim?

If you know in advance that you are going to be absent on the day of a prelim then you must let Ms Harrison know as soon as possible. There would have to be exceptional circumstances, such as a family wedding.

What happens if I am ill on the day of a prelim?

If you are unable to come into school on the day of a prelim then phone the school to let them know. Your prelim will then be re-scheduled for the next available day. So if you are absent, then be prepared to sit your prelim on return to school.

What happens if I am late?

Pupils must make every effort to be on time for prelims, however sometimes things happen such as buses breaking down etc. If you are able to, phone school and let them know. When you do arrive in school, report immediately to the office who will arrange for a member of the SMT to escort you into the exam. Do not just walk into the exam hall.

What happens if school is closed because of the weather?

If this happens then the exam will be re-scheduled and the new arrangements communicated as soon as possible.