Enclosure 17.7 – Attachment: Draft 2021 H and AH timetable

Draft Timetable 2021 (17 Days) Modifications Included (H-AH Only)

Coincident Examination Levels 105

Thursday 13 May			
Morning			
Course	**Level**	**Paper**	**Time**
Photography	Higher		09:00 - 10:00
Cantonese	Higher	Reading and Directed Writing	09:00 - 11:40
Cantonese	Advanced Higher	Reading and Translation	09:00 - 10:30
Mandarin Simplified	Higher	Reading and Directed Writing	09:00 - 11:40
Mandarin Simplified	Advanced Higher	Reading and Translation	09:00 - 10:30
Mandarin Traditional	Higher	Reading and Directed Writing	09:00 - 11:40
Mandarin Traditional	Advanced Higher	Reading and Translation	09:00 - 10:30
Urdu	Higher	Reading and Directed Writing	09:00 - 11:00
Urdu	Higher	Listening	11:30 - 12:00* (approx)
Afternoon			
Course	**Level**	**Paper**	**Time**
Fashion and Textile Technology	Higher		13:00 - 14:30
Cantonese	Higher	Listening	13:00 - 13:30* (approx)
Cantonese	Advanced Higher	Listening and Discursive Writing	13:00 - 14:45*
Mandarin Simplified	Higher	Listening	13:00 - 13:30* (approx)
Mandarin Simplified	Advanced Higher	Listening and Discursive Writing	13:00 - 14:45*
Mandarin Traditional	Higher	Listening	13:00 - 13:30* (approx)
Mandarin Traditional	Advanced Higher	Listening and Discursive Writing	13:00 - 14:45*
Physical Education	Higher		13:00 - 15:30

Friday 14 May			
Morning			
Course	**Level**	**Paper**	**Time**
Music Technology	Higher		09:00 - 10:00*
Environmental Science	Higher	Paper 1	09:00 - 09:45
Environmental Science	Higher	Paper 2	10:05 - 12:35
Afternoon			
Course	**Level**	**Paper**	**Time**
Art and Design	Higher		13:00 - 14:15
Accounting	Higher		13:00 - 15:30
Accounting	Advanced Higher		13:00 - 15:30

Monday 17 May			
Morning			
Course	**Level**	**Paper**	**Time**
Physics	Higher	Paper 1 Multiple Choice	09:00 - 09:45
Physics	Higher	Paper 2	10:05 - 12:20
Physics	Advanced Higher		09:00 - 12:00
Afternoon			
Course	**Level**	**Paper**	**Time**
French	Higher	Reading and Directed Writing	13:00 - 15:00
French	Higher	Listening	15:30 - 16:00* (approx)
French	Advanced Higher	Reading and Translation	13:00 - 14:30
French	Advanced Higher	Listening and Discursive Writing	15:00 - 16:20*

Tuesday 18 May			
Morning			
Course	**Level**	**Paper**	**Time**
English	Advanced Higher	Literary Study	09:00 - 10:30
English	Advanced Higher	Textual Analysis	11:00 - 12:30
English	Higher	Reading for Understanding, Analysis and Evaluation	09:00 - 10:30
English	Higher	Critical Reading	11:00 - 12:30
Afternoon			
Course	**Level**	**Paper**	**Time**
Administration and IT	Higher		13:30 - 15:00

Note: Advanced Higher English Folios should be submitted on the day of the exam.

Wednesday 19 May			
Morning			
Course	**Level**	**Paper**	**Time**
Biology	Higher	Paper 1 Multiple Choice	09:00 - 09:40
Biology	Higher	Paper 2	10:00 - 12:20
Human Biology	Higher	Paper 1 Multiple Choice	09:00 - 09:40
Human Biology	Higher	Paper 2	10:00 - 12:20
Biology	Advanced Higher		09:00 - 12:00
Afternoon			
Course	**Level**	**Paper**	**Time**
Geography	Higher	Physical and Human Environments	13:00 - 14:50
Geography	Higher	Global Issues and Geographical Skills	15:20 - 16:10
Cruinn-eòlas	An Àrd Ìre	Àrainneachdan Fiosaigeach agus Daonna	13:00 - 14:50
Cruinn-eòlas	An Àrd Ìre	Cùisean Cruinneil agus Sgilean Cruinn-eòlais	15:20 - 16:10
Geography	Advanced Higher		13:00 - 15:30
Cruinn-eòlas	Àrd Ìre Adhartach		13:00 - 15:30

Thursday 20 May

Morning

Course	Level	Paper	Time
History	Higher	British, European and World History	09:00 - 10:30
History	Higher	Scottish History	11:00 - 12:30
Eachdraidh	An Àrd Ìre	Eachdraidh Bhreatannach, Eòrpach agus An t-Saoghail	09:00 - 10:30
Eachdraidh	An Àrd Ìre	Eachdraidh Albannach	11:00 - 12:30
History	Advanced Higher		09:00 - 12:00
Eachdraidh	Àrd Ìre Adhartach		09:00 - 12:00

Afternoon

Course	Level	Paper	Time
Graphic Communication	Higher		13:15 - 15:15
Graphic Communication	Advanced Higher		13:15 - 15:15
Mathematics of Mechanics	Advanced Higher		13:00 - 16:00

Friday 21 May

Morning

Course	Level	Paper	Time
Music	Higher		09:00 - 10:00*
Italian	Advanced Higher	Reading and Translation	09:00 - 10:30
Italian	Advanced Higher	Listening and Discursive Writing	11:00 - 12:20*

Afternoon

Course	Level	Paper	Time
Music	Advanced Higher		13:00 - 14:15* (approx)
Italian	Higher	Reading and Directed Writing	13:00 - 15:00
Italian	Higher	Listening	15:30 - 16:00* (approx)

Monday 24 May

Morning

Course	Level	Paper	Time
Dance	Higher		09:00 - 11:00
Classical Studies	Higher	Classical Literature	09:00 - 10:10
Classical Studies	Higher	Classical Society	10:40 - 12:30
Classical Studies	Advanced Higher		09:00 - 12:00
Statistics	Advanced Higher	Paper 1	09:00 - 10:00

Afternoon

Course	Level	Paper	Time
Media	Higher	Analysis of Media Content	13:00 - 14:45
Media	Higher	The Role of Media	15:05 - 16:05
Statistics	Advanced Higher	Paper 2	13:00 - 15:45

Tuesday 25 May

Morning			
Course	**Level**	**Paper**	**Time**
Mathematics	Higher	Paper 1 Non-calculator	09:00 - 10:30
Mathematics	Higher	Paper 2	11:00 - 12:45
Matamataig	An Àrd Ìre	Paipear 1 Gun àireamhair	09:00 - 10:30
Matamataig	An Àrd Ìre	Paipear 2	11:00 - 12:45
Mathematics	Advanced Higher	Paper 1 Non-calculator	09:00 - 10:00
Mathematics	Advanced Higher	Paper 2	10:20 - 12:50
Matamataig	Àrd Ìre Adhartach	Paipear 1 Gun àireamhair	09:00 - 10:00
Matamataig	Àrd Ìre Adhartach	Paipear 2	10:20 - 12:50
Afternoon			
Course	**Level**	**Paper**	**Time**
Modern Studies	Higher	Paper 1	13:00 - 14:45
Modern Studies	Higher	Paper 2	15:15 - 16:30
Nuadh-eòlas	An Àrd Ìre	Paipear 1	13:00 - 14:45
Nuadh-eòlas	An Àrd Ìre	Paipear 2	15:15 - 16:30
Modern Studies	Advanced Higher		13:00 - 16:00
Nuadh-eòlas	Àrd Ìre Adhartach		13:00 - 16:00

Wednesday 26 May			
Morning			
Course	**Level**	**Paper**	**Time**
Chemistry	Higher	Paper 1 Multiple Choice	09:00 - 09:40
Chemistry	Higher	Paper 2	10:00 - 12:20
Chemistry	Advanced Higher		09:00 - 12:00
Afternoon			
Course	**Level**	**Paper**	**Time**
Drama	Higher		13:00 - 15:30

Thursday 27 May			
Morning			
Course	**Level**	**Paper**	**Time**
Politics	Higher	Paper 1	09:00 - 10:45
Politics	Higher	Paper 2	11:15 - 12:30
Latin	Higher	Paper 1: Literary Appreciation	09:00 - 11:40
Latin	Advanced Higher	Paper 1: Literary Appreciation	09:00 - 10:45
Afternoon			
Course	**Level**	**Paper**	**Time**
Health and Food Technology	Higher		13:00 - 15:00
Health and Food Technology	Advanced Higher		13:00 - 15:30
Latin	Higher	Paper 2: Translating	13:30 - 14:30
Latin	Advanced Higher	Paper 2: Translating	13:30 - 15:00

Friday 28 May

Morning

Course	Level	Paper	Time
Spanish	Higher	Reading and Directed Writing	09:00 - 11:00
Spanish	Higher	Listening	11:30 - 12:00* (approx)
Spanish	Advanced Higher	Reading and Translation	09:00 - 10:30
Spanish	Advanced Higher	Listening and Discursive Writing	11:00 - 12:20*

Afternoon

Course	Level	Paper	Time
Computing Science	Higher		13:15 - 15:15
Computing Science	Advanced Higher		13:15 - 15:45

Monday 31 May

Morning

Course	Level	Paper	Time
Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies	Higher	World Religion, Morality and Belief	09:00 - 11:15
Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies	Higher	Religious and Philosophical Questions	11:45 - 12:30
Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies	Advanced Higher		09:00 - 12:00

Afternoon

Course	Level	Paper	Time
Design and Manufacture	Higher		13:00 - 15:15
Design and Manufacture	Advanced Higher		13:00 - 15:15

Tuesday 01 June

Morning

Course	Level	Paper	Time
English for Speakers of Other Languages	Higher	Listening	09:00 - 09:45* (approx)
English for Speakers of Other Languages	Higher	Reading	10:15 - 11:25
Philosophy	Higher	Paper 1	09:00 - 11:15
Gàidhlig	An Àrd Ìre	Leughadh agus Litreachas	09:00 - 10:50
Gàidhlig	An Àrd Ìre	Èisteachd	11:20 - 12:00*
Gàidhlig	Àrd Ìre Adhartach	Sgrùdadh	09:00 - 10:30
Gàidhlig	Àrd Ìre Adhartach	Litreachas	11:00 - 12:00

Afternoon

Course	Level	Paper	Time
English for Speakers of Other Languages	Higher	Writing	13:00 - 14:40
Philosophy	Higher	Paper 2	13:00 - 14:45
Gàidhlig	Àrd Ìre Adhartach	Eadar-theangachadh	13:00 - 13:30

Wednesday 02 June

Morning

Course	Level	Paper	Time
Psychology	Higher		09:00 - 11:40
Gaelic (Learners)	Higher	Reading and Directed Writing	09:00 - 11:00
Gaelic (Learners)	Higher	Listening	11:30 - 12:00* (approx)
Gaelic (Learners)	Advanced Higher	Reading and Translation	09:00 - 10:30
Gaelic (Learners)	Advanced Higher	Listening and Discursive Writing	11:00 - 12:20*
Afternoon			
Course	**Level**	**Paper**	**Time**
Economics	Higher		13:00 - 15:30
Economics	Advanced Higher		13:00 - 15:30
Sociology	Higher		13:00 - 14:50

Thursday 03 June

Morning			
Course	**Level**	**Paper**	**Time**
German	Higher	Reading and Directed Writing	09:00 - 11:00
German	Higher	Listening	11:30 - 12:00* (approx)
German	Advanced Higher	Reading and Translation	09:00 - 10:30
German	Advanced Higher	Listening and Discursive Writing	11:00 - 12:20*
Afternoon			
Course	**Level**	**Paper**	**Time**
Care	Higher		13:00 - 14:30
Business Management	Higher		13:00 - 15:45
Business Management	Advanced Higher		13:00 - 15:45

Friday 04 June

Morning			
Course	**Level**	**Paper**	**Time**
Childcare and Development	Higher		09:00 - 10:30
Afternoon			
Course	**Level**	**Paper**	**Time**
Engineering Science	Higher		13:00 - 15:30
Engineering Science	Advanced Higher		13:00 - 15:30

Enclosure 18 – Email: RE: SQA

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Subject: RE: SQA

Hi [Redacted s38(1)(b)]
We modified some National 3 and 4s in line with the modifications at National 5 – they are on our website
We have put out a lot of additional guidance around our vocational qualifications – nearly 300 quals specific guidance docs but not sure about skills for work – [Redacted s38(1)(b)] within my team leads on this and should be able to clarify the position for you. We have also been working with SDS on Foundationa apprenticehsips and modifications too. Hope this is helpful – [Redacted s38(1)(b)] can clarify position re skills for work.
Have a good weekend when it comes
Kind regards
Gill

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Sent: 29 October 2020 21:24
To: Gill Stewart <Gill.Stewart@sqa.org.uk>
Subject: FW: SQA

Hi Gill,

We are currently working our way through the backlog of correspondence. One of the items we have received refers to National 4 (see end of this email), would SQA be able to provide a contribution please?

Thanks in advance.

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Subject: SQA

Hi , as you will be aware, the SQA are running a survey titled "Technical consultation on proposed modifications to National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher course assessments for Session 2020-21." The SQA, of course runs other qualifications. Among them National 4 and Skills for Work. The absolutely inept SQA are offering very little in the way of adaptations for the subjects in the title of the survey, they are not even surveying for N4 and SFW courses.

Hopefully this is a surprise to one of us.,

thank you
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[Redacted s38(1)(b)]

Enclosure 19 – Email: RE: Music meeting - 29 October - agenda

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Subject: RE: Music meeting - 29 October - agenda

Hi [Redacted s38(1)(b)]

Many thanks for arranging yesterday's meeting – really worthwhile.

I'm wondering if it could be possible for us to meet again prior to any updates for Music being published by Scot. Gov. / Education Scotland? Any updates is going to inform SQA's position particularly around brass, woodwind and voice. I think [Redacted s38(1)(b)]made the point yesterday that it would be good to signpost on the next update when the next review is going to be.

I had a meeting today about the assessment of performance this session and have a follow up meeting on Tuesday to agree the approach on consulting with practitioners in the first instance regarding the proposed changes. I hope that after the meeting next week, we may have a draft timeline on when consultation will take place which will then inform when it is communicated to all centres that a change in assessment approach is on the cards.

Kind Regards

[Redacted s38(1)(b)]

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Subject: RE: Music meeting - 29 October - agenda

Hi everyone,

Thanks for your time this morning. I said I would send a note with the actions we agreed this morning. Please let me know if I've missed anything.

- [Redacted s38(1)(b)], [Redacted s38(1)(b)]and [Redacted s38(1)(b)]to work together next week to gather and set out good practice examples that can be included in the guidance.
- [Redacted s38(1)(b)]and [Redacted s38(1)(b)]to speak with Peter McNaughton to establish whether ADES can assist with messaging around the use of two way video.

- [Redacted s38(1)(b)]to send MEPG's scientific analysis to Ed Scot and SG for consideration by the scientific advisory group.
- [Redacted s38(1)(b)]to provide an update in the next week or so on plans for consultation with learners and practitioners and subsequent communication of plans.
- [Redacted s38(1)(b)]to touch base with MEPG on the issue of remote assessment and also the possibility to consult with the MEPG youth group.

We agreed that we would keep in touch by email in the coming weeks and can follow up with a further meeting if necessary.

Thanks!

[Redacted s38(1)(b)]

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Subject: Music meeting - 29 October - agenda

Hi everyone,

Ahead of our meeting tomorrow morning I thought it might be useful to set out who will be on the call and a draft agenda. The initial purpose for our meeting was to discuss the Education Scotland guidance on music in schools in the context of Covid-19 (including how it relates to SQA plans) but I think there probably needs to be a wider discussion of potential steps that can be taken to support the learning and teaching of music in the current climate as the guidance itself is probably not able to solve all the challenges being faced currently.

Hope this sounds ok and look forward to speaking tomorrow morning.

[Redacted s38(1)(b)]

Attendees
[Redacted s38(1)(b)]and [Redacted s38(1)(b)]– Education Scotland
[Redacted s38(1)(b)]and [Redacted s38(1)(b)]– Music Education Partnership Group
[Redacted s38(1)(b)]and [Redacted s38(1)(b)]- SQA
[Redacted s38(1)(b)]– Heads of Instrumental Music Teaching Scotland
[Redacted s38(1)(b)]and [Redacted s38(1)(b)]– Scottish Government - Qualifications
[Redacted s38(1)(b)]– Scottish Government – Curriculum

Agenda
- Education Scotland overview of music guidance – [Redacted s38(1)(b)]/ [Redacted s38(1)(b)]
- Overview of HITS/ MEPG feedback on how things are working in practice across Scotland – [Redacted s38(1)(b)]; [Redacted s38(1)(b)]/ [Redacted s38(1)(b)]
- Update from SQA – [Redacted s38(1)(b)]
- Discussion about potential solutions/ next steps

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Enclosure 20 – Email: RE: National Qualifications in 2021

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Apologies, the attachment went AWOL…

Hello again

Here is the draft communication as discussed. We would appreciate your feedback by 10am on Monday to allow publication to proceed in good time. Our final version may be subject to further refinement.

Thank you

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Good Afternoon everyone

Further to the meeting yesterday we are issuing the following message via our Twitter page and directly to SQA Co-ordinators:

'We are currently working with stakeholders to finalise arrangements to allow us to start publishing subject-specific guidance on producing estimates for National 5, at the beginning of next week.'

As agreed, we will also send the draft communication through this afternoon for you to comment on before we publish on Monday.

Regards

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Enclosure 20.1 – Attachment: SQA communication to schools, colleges and local authorities

SQA communication to Schools, Colleges and Local Authorities
Confidential Draft
Update on National Qualifications 2020-21

Monday 2 November 2020

Dear colleague

The COVID-19 pandemic has meant uncertainty in all areas of our lives and I greatly appreciate your ongoing support and contributions as we continue to work together to support our learners.

We rely heavily on your commitment and professionalism to deliver the assessment and quality assurance of National Courses each year. The work that you, and your colleagues, do for SQA is a hugely important part of this.

Following the Deputy First Minister's request that the entire education system work together to deliver qualifications in the 2020-21 session, everyone at SQA is focused on playing our full part in taking forward the areas that we are responsible for, working together with the wider system.

Working with you
We are committed to listening to your views and working with you in partnership to create a fair assessment model with Scotland's learners at the heart of what we do.

We have set up a National Qualifications 2021 Group to develop advice on subject specific guidance for National 5 courses, the Alternative Certification Model for National 5 and the contingency arrangements for Higher and Advanced Higher exams. The group is also working together to consider consistent communications to the wider system with the aims of providing transparency and engendering confidence on the approach being taken. The group is meeting regularly with membership from the Association of Directors of Education Scotland (ADES), Colleges Scotland, Education Scotland, the Educational Institute of Scotland (EIS), School Leaders Scotland (SLS), the Scottish Council of Independent Schools (SCIS) and the Scottish Government.

The National Qualifications 2021 Group is supported by a working group that will co-create the Quality Assurance model and support plan for National 5. The group has representation from ADES, Education Scotland, EIS, Colleges Scotland, SLS and SCIS.

Since September, we have spoken with over 450 teaching professionals from schools and colleges and local authority representatives, which I know will have included many of you. We have also spoken with parents, carers, and learners.

We need you and your colleagues to help us deliver the alternative certification approach for National 5 courses, including the quality assurance of your learners' work, to ensure standards are maintained. We also need your help with the delivery of the Higher and Advanced Higher exam diet, and planning contingencies should these exams not take place due to public health advice.

We will keep you informed of developments, including other opportunities for you to work with us directly in the delivery of National Courses. I hope that you will get involved and encourage your colleagues to do so too.

National 5
As you know, National 5 courses will be assessed using an alternative certification approach, based on teacher and lecturer judgement supported by assessment resources and quality assurance.

We are working hard to develop and deliver support that will help you to assess your learners, while maintaining the validity, credibility, and standard of the qualifications. As part of this work, today we have published guidance on gathering key evidence for producing estimates for National 5 English [add link] and Mathematics. [add link] We will publish guidance for the remaining subjects on a rolling basis up to Thursday 19 November.

In addition, we are developing a package of SQA devised question papers and assignments, dependant on the subject, to help teachers and lecturers assess their learners in the relevant key components of each subject, assisting them in making their professional assessment judgements. We will also provide some additional support, such as understanding standards materials or online events. These resources will start to be available this month on each subject page. Sign up for MyAlerts to be kept updated.

Higher and Advanced Higher
As the Deputy First Minister has said, the Higher and Advanced Higher exams will go ahead. Today, we have published the timetable [add link]. Having listened to the concerns of members of the National Qualifications 2021 Group, we are moving the previously published start date of Thursday 13 May to Monday 10 May, to help ease candidate workload during the exam period. Exams will still finish on Friday 4 June 2021 with Results Day on Tuesday 10 August 2021.
As in any year, the complexity of organising a national exam timetable for thousands of candidates, means that there are always a small number of instances where exams take place at the same time or close together. Despite significant planning to reduce these instances, given this year's circumstances there may be some learners whose exams are close together. As in any year, schools and colleges can adapt the start times of exams to suit your local arrangements.

The adjustments we have made to the 2021 exam timetable provide more teaching and learning time. The feedback we received from our consultation on the timetable , from stakeholders, including some of you, and our appointees, made it clear that results had to be delivered on Tuesday 10 August and therefore marking and grading can only be completed to existing timescales, to allow for certificates to be issued on Results Day.
SQA Appointees

I also ask you to help us with the release of your colleagues to take up their roles as SQA appointees. We rely heavily on the work carried out by our appointees to deliver each year for Scotland's learners and this year we are carrying out all exam and quality assurance procedures virtually to minimise public health risks and the amount of time that teachers and lecturers are away from their classes.

I understand that you are under pressure this year to keep your schools and colleges operating in these challenging circumstances, but we will only be able to deliver if all parts of the education system work together. It is only with the commitment and expertise of our appointees that we can operate the exam processes, particularly in this unique year.

We look forward to continuing to work with you over the coming months and I thank you for your ongoing support and valuable contributions.

Enclosure 21 – Email: RE: Exam Timetable for 2021

From: Fiona Robertson <fiona.robertson@sqa.org.uk>
Sent: 02 November 2020 16:15
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Subject: RE: Exam Timetable for 2021

Thanks Jean

Graeme, I think it would be very helpful to the system if we can communicate this change as soon as possible – we had previously intimated end October. As a first step, we should also share with the NQ Group, following the meeting last week. Many thanks.

Fiona

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Subject: Exam Timetable for 2021

Dear Graeme,

On 7 October, it was advised that the examination timetable for 2021 would start on Thursday 13 May and end on Friday 4 June.

Following consideration of the draft examination timetable for 2021 at last week's NQ21 meeting, please find attached a revised draft which has sought to bring the start date of the timetable forward to Monday 10 May. The earlier start will to help address concerns about candidate workload on specific dates due to exam timetable clashes. These issues have arisen from the need to hold examinations in a shortened timeframe whilst still certificating on 10 August – the date preferred by respondees to our examination timetable consultation earlier in the summer.

The Deputy First Minister may wish to advise the Scottish Parliament of this change.

Please get in touch should you have any questions.

Kind regards

Jean

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Enclosure 21.1 – Attachment: Draft timetable

Draft Timetable 2021 (20 Days)
Modifications Included

Coincident Examination Levels 63

Monday 10 May

Morning			
Course	**Level**	**Paper**	**Time**
Photography	Higher		09:00 - 10:00
Cantonese	Higher	Reading and Directed Writing	09:00 - 11:40
Cantonese	Advanced Higher	Reading and Translation	09:00 - 10:30
Mandarin Simplified	Higher	Reading and Directed Writing	09:00 - 11:40
Mandarin Simplified	Advanced Higher	Reading and Translation	09:00 - 10:30
Mandarin Traditional	Higher	Reading and Directed Writing	09:00 - 11:40
Mandarin Traditional	Advanced Higher	Reading and Translation	09:00 - 10:30
Urdu	Higher	Reading and Directed Writing	09:00 - 11:00
Urdu	Higher	Listening	11:30 - 12:00* (approx)
Afternoon			
Course	**Level**	**Paper**	**Time**
Cantonese	Higher	Listening	13:00 - 13:30* (approx)
Cantonese	Advanced Higher	Listening and Discursive Writing	13:00 - 14:45*
Mandarin Simplified	Higher	Listening	13:00 - 13:30* (approx)
Mandarin Simplified	Advanced Higher	Listening and Discursive Writing	13:00 - 14:45*
Mandarin Traditional	Higher	Listening	13:00 - 13:30* (approx)
Mandarin Traditional	Advanced Higher	Listening and Discursive Writing	13:00 - 14:45*
Physical Education	Higher		13:00 - 15:30

Tuesday 11 May

Morning			
Course	**Level**	**Paper**	**Time**
Music Technology	Higher		09:00 - 10:00*
Environmental Science	Higher	Paper 1	09:00 - 09:45
Environmental Science	Higher	Paper 2	10:05 - 12:35
Afternoon			
Course	**Level**	**Paper**	**Time**
Business Management	Higher		13:00 - 15:45
Business Management	Advanced Higher		13:00 - 15:45

Wednesday 12 May

Morning			
Course	**Level**	**Paper**	**Time**
Physics	Higher	Paper 1 Multiple Choice	09:00 - 09:45
Physics	Higher	Paper 2	10:05 - 12:20
Physics	Advanced Higher		09:00 - 12:00
Afternoon			
Course	**Level**	**Paper**	**Time**
Classical Studies	Higher	Classical Literature	13:00 - 14:10
Classical Studies	Higher	Classical Society	14:40 - 16:30
Classical Studies	Advanced Higher		13:00 - 14:00

Thursday 13 May

Morning			
Course	**Level**	**Paper**	**Time**
English	Higher	Reading for Understanding, Analysis and Evaluation	09:00 - 10:30
English	Higher	Critical Reading	11:00 - 12:30
Afternoon			
Course	**Level**	**Paper**	**Time**
English	Advanced Higher	Literary Study	13:00 - 14:30
English	Advanced Higher	Textual Analysis	15:00 - 16:30

Note: Advanced Higher English Folios should be submitted on the day of the exam.

Friday 14 May

Morning			
Course	**Level**	**Paper**	**Time**
Art and Design	Higher		09:00 - 10:15
Afternoon			
Course	**Level**	**Paper**	**Time**
Administration and IT	Higher		13:30 - 15:00

Monday 17 May

Morning

Course	Level	Paper	Time
Biology	Higher	Paper 1 Multiple Choice	09:00 - 09:40
Biology	Higher	Paper 2	10:00 - 12:20
Human Biology	Higher	Paper 1 Multiple Choice	09:00 - 09:40
Human Biology	Higher	Paper 2	10:00 - 12:20
Biology	Advanced Higher		09:00 - 12:00

Afternoon

Course	Level	Paper	Time
Accounting	Higher		13:00 - 15:30
Accounting	Advanced Higher		13:00 - 15:30

Tuesday 18 May

Morning

Course	Level	Paper	Time
Fashion and Textile Technology	Higher		09:00 - 10:30

Afternoon

Course	Level	Paper	Time
Geography	Higher	Physical and Human Environments	13:00 - 14:50
Geography	Higher	Global Issues and Geographical Skills	15:20 - 16:10
Cruinn-eòlas	An Àrd Ire	Àrainneachdan Fiosaigeach agus Daonna	13:00 - 14:50
Cruinn-eòlas	An Àrd Ire	Cùisean Cruinneil agus Sgilean Cruinn-eòlais	15:20 - 16:10
Geography	Advanced Higher		13:00 - 16:30
Cruinn-eòlas	Àrd Ire Adhartach		13:00 - 16:30

Wednesday 19 May

Morning

Course	Level	Paper	Time
History	Higher	British, European and World History	09:00 - 10:30
History	Higher	Scottish History	11:00 - 12:30
Eachdraidh	An Àrd Ire	Eachdraidh Bhreatannach, Eòrpach agus An t-Saoghail	09:00 - 10:30
Eachdraidh	An Àrd Ire	Eachdraidh Albannach	11:00 - 12:30
History	Advanced Higher		09:00 - 12:00
Eachdraidh	Àrd Ire Adhartach		09:00 - 12:00

Afternoon

Course	Level	Paper	Time
Graphic Communication	Higher		13:15 - 15:15
Graphic Communication	Advanced Higher		13:15 - 15:15
Mathematics of Mechanics	Advanced Higher		13:00 - 16:00

Thursday 20 May

Morning

Course	Level	Paper	Time
Music	Higher		09:00 - 10:00*
Italian	Advanced Higher	Reading and Translation	09:00 - 10:30
Italian	Advanced Higher	Listening and Discursive Writing	11:00 - 12:20*

Afternoon

Course	Level	Paper	Time
Music	Advanced Higher		13:00 - 14:15* (approx)
Italian	Higher	Reading and Directed Writing	13:00 - 15:00
Italian	Higher	Listening	15:30 - 16:00* (approx)

Friday 21 May

Morning

Course	Level	Paper	Time
French	Higher	Reading and Directed Writing	09:00 - 11:00
French	Higher	Listening	11:30 - 12:00*(approx)
French	Advanced Higher	Reading and Translation	09:00 - 10:30
French	Advanced Higher	Listening and Discursive Writing	11:00 - 12:20*
Statistics	Advanced Higher	Paper 1	09:00 - 10:00

Afternoon

Course	Level	Paper	Time
Statistics	Advanced Higher	Paper 2	13:00 - 15:45

Monday 24 May			
Morning			
Course	**Level**	**Paper**	**Time**
Mathematics	Advanced Higher	Paper 1 Non-calculator	09:00 - 10:00
Mathematics	Advanced Higher	Paper 2	10:20 - 12:50
Matamataig	Ard Ire Adhartach	Paipear 1 Gun aireamhair	09:00 - 10:00
Matamataig	Ard Ire Adhartach	Paipear 2	10:20 - 12:50
Mathematics	Higher	Paper 1 Non-calculator	09:00 - 10:30
Mathematics	Higher	Paper 2	11:00 - 12:45
Matamataig	An Ard Ire	Paipear 1 Gun aireamhair	09:00 - 10:30
Matamataig	An Ard Ire	Paipear 2	11:00 - 12:45
Afternoon			
Course	**Level**	**Paper**	**Time**
Dance	Higher		13:30 - 15:30

Tuesday 25 May			
Morning			
Course	**Level**	**Paper**	**Time**
Media	Higher	Analysis of Media Content	09:00 - 10:45
Media	Higher	The Role of Media	11:05 - 12:05
Afternoon			
Course	**Level**	**Paper**	**Time**
Modern Studies	Higher	Paper 1	13:00 - 14:45
Modern Studies	Higher	Paper 2	15:15 - 16:30
Nuadh-eolas	An Ard Ire	Paipear 1	13:00 - 14:45
Nuadh-eolas	An Ard Ire	Paipear 2	15:15 - 16:30
Modern Studies	Advanced Higher		13:00 - 16:00
Nuadh-eolas	Ard Ire Adhartach		13:00 - 16:00

Wednesday 26 May			
Morning			
Course	**Level**	**Paper**	**Time**
Chemistry	Higher	Paper 1 Multiple Choice	09:00 - 09:40
Chemistry	Higher	Paper 2	10:00 - 12:20
Chemistry	Advanced Higher		09:00 - 12:00
Afternoon			
Course	**Level**	**Paper**	**Time**
Drama	Higher		13:00 - 15:30

Thursday 27 May			
Morning			
Course	**Level**	**Paper**	**Time**
Politics	Higher	Paper 1	09:00 - 10:45
Politics	Higher	Paper 2	11:15 - 12:30
Latin	Higher	Paper 1: Literary Appreciation	09:00 - 11:40
Latin	Advanced Higher	Paper 1: Literary Appreciation	09:00 - 10:45
Afternoon			
Course	**Level**	**Paper**	**Time**
Health and Food Technology	Higher		13:00 - 15:00
Health and Food Technology	Advanced Higher		13:00 - 15:30
Latin	Higher	Paper 2: Translating	13:30 - 14:30
Latin	Advanced Higher	Paper 2: Translating	13:30 - 15:00

Friday 28 May			
Morning			
Course	**Level**	**Paper**	**Time**
Spanish	Higher	Reading and Directed Writing	09:00 - 11:00
Spanish	Higher	Listening	11:30 - 12:00* (approx)
Spanish	Advanced Higher	Reading and Translation	09:00 - 10:30
Spanish	Advanced Higher	Listening and Discursive Writing	11:00 - 12:20*
Afternoon			
Course	**Level**	**Paper**	**Time**
Computing Science	Higher		13:15 - 15:15
Computing Science	Advanced Higher		13:15 - 15:45

Monday 31 May

Morning

Course	Level	Paper	Time
Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies	Higher	World Religion, Morality and Belief	09:00 - 11:15
Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies	Higher	Religious and Philosophical Questions	11:45 - 12:30
Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies	Advanced Higher		09:00 - 12:00

Afternoon

Course	Level	Paper	Time
Design and Manufacture	Higher		13:00 - 15:15
Design and Manufacture	Advanced Higher		13:00 - 15:15

Tuesday 01 June

Morning

Course	Level	Paper	Time
English for Speakers of Other Languages	Higher	Listening	09:00 - 09:45* (approx)
English for Speakers of Other Languages	Higher	Reading	10:15 - 11:25
Philosophy	Higher	Paper 1	09:00 - 11:15
Gaidhlig	An Àrd Ire	Leughadh agus Litreachas	09:00 - 10:50
Gàidhlig	An Àrd Ire	Èisteachd	11:20 - 12:00*
Gàidhlig	Àrd Ire Adhartach	Sgrùdadh	09:00 - 10:30
Gaidhlig	Àrd Ire Adhartach	Litreachas	11:00 - 12:00

Afternoon

Course	Level	Paper	Time
English for Speakers of Other Languages	Higher	Writing	13:00 - 14:40
Philosophy	Higher	Paper 2	13:00 - 14:45
Gaidhlig	Àrd Ire Adhartach	Eadar-theangachadh	13:00 - 13:30

Wednesday 02 June

Morning

Course	Level	Paper	Time
Psychology	Higher		09:00 - 11:40
Gaelic (Learners)	Higher	Reading and Directed Writing	09:00 - 11:00
Gaelic (Learners)	Higher	Listening	11:30 - 12:00* (approx)
Gaelic (Learners)	Advanced Higher	Reading and Translation	09:00 - 10:30
Gaelic (Learners)	Advanced Higher	Listening and Discursive Writing	11:00 - 12:20*

Afternoon

Course	Level	Paper	Time
Economics	Higher		13:00 - 15:30
Economics	Advanced Higher		13:00 - 15:30
Sociology	Higher		13:00 - 14:50

Thursday 03 June

Morning

Course	Level	Paper	Time
German	Higher	Reading and Directed Writing	09:00 - 11:00
German	Higher	Listening	11:30 - 12:00* (approx)
German	Advanced Higher	Reading and Translation	09:00 - 10:30
German	Advanced Higher	Listening and Discursive Writing	11:00 - 12:20*

Afternoon

Course	Level	Paper	Time
Care	Higher		13:00 - 14:30

Friday 04 June

Morning

Course	Level	Paper	Time
Childcare and Development	Higher		09:00 - 10:30

Afternoon

Course	Level	Paper	Time
Engineering Science	Higher		13:00 - 15:30
Engineering Science	Advanced Higher		13:00 - 15:30

Enclosure 22 – Email: SQA update on 2021 National Courses - 02 November 2020

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Subject: SQA update on 2021 National Courses - 02 November 2020

Good afternoon,

Today we have provided an update to schools, colleges, local authorities and stakeholders on arrangements for National Courses. This includes the start of the rolling programme of subject specific advice on gathering key evidence for producing estimates for National 5 courses, with the publication of guidance for National 5 English and Mathematics.

This is now on our website - https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/95618.html

Thanks

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