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Dear Parent /Carer

### **MOCK EXAMINATIONS JANUARY 2018**

Mock Exams for all National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher subjects take place during the period Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January through to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January.

Attached with this letter is a copy of our exam schedule. You can see this will be a busy time for our young people and they should already be preparing for these important and challenging assessments. The outcome of the Mock Exams will help us determine the most appropriate level of presentation for your son/daughter in the summer term diet of SQA exams. They also assist with establishing an estimate grade which we will send to the SQA just prior to the Easter Holidays. An estimate grade is used by the SQA for many purposes, including marking and grading checks prior to certification. Since the SQA no longer offer "Appeals" we use estimates to reach decisions about who would be eligible for any of the Post Results Services.

During the period of the Mock Exams all National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher pupils should attend school as usual. Normal lessons will not run during this time as such in order to ensure pupils are given the opportunity to study. This means that pupils have on hand the support and advice of our specialist staff here in school in keeping with their timetables. Pupils will attend their exams at the allocated time and then return to class to continue with their study activities.

There are **no Mock Exams** for **National 3 or 4** subjects and pupils completing these courses will **attend school as normal** to continue with their learning.

We appreciate that some parents may feel that it would be beneficial for their son/daughter to have some private study time at home. We are willing to accommodate this, however, given the importance of these exams in many cases it may be that pupils will achieve a more focused study experience in our structured school day with subject specialist on hand to support them. Please be advised there is a **maximum of 2 half days per subject** studied at **N5, Higher or Advanced Higher** level and an overall **maximum of 5 days**. Requests from parents for private study days should also take into account weekends, for example; if you have a Mock Exam on a Monday your study day would be either Saturday or Sunday prior to this day.

If you propose that your son/daughter requires time to study at home, please refer to our Mock Exam timetable, consider the time you wish to request and follow the online survey accordingly. Please complete this as requested. Your response will then be passed to our admin staff who will then update your son's/daughter's attendance records. The final date for requests is **close of school on Thursday 21st December**. Any pupil not in class and not signed out by a parent will be subject to normal attendance protocols.

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Yours Faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Martin Reid', written in a cursive style.

Martin Reid  
Depute Headteacher