

Senior Phase Raising Attainment 2023 - 2024

Information for pupils and their parents / carers to effectively prepare for SQA exams and get the best grade possible





Senior Phase Raising Attainment 2023 - 2024

There is so much on offer to pupils.





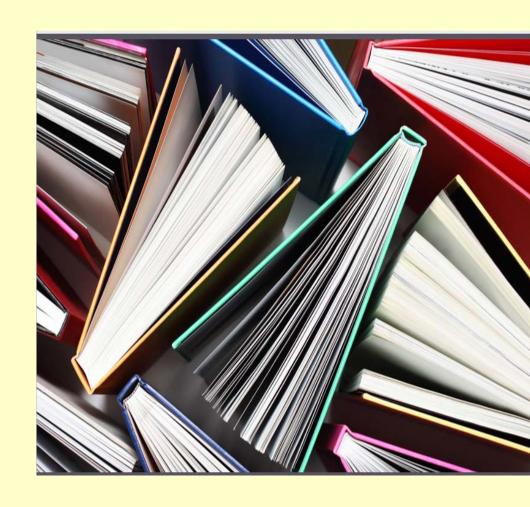
Senior Phase Raising Attainment 2023 - 2024

Assessment calendar:

Oct 23 – April 24

Evidence will be gathered throughout the year.

Keep momentum and less stress.

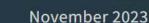




After School Study Support ON NOW

CURRICULUM V





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October 2023

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After School Study Support Classes

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After school study support classes will run for Senior Phase pupils during November and December.

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After School Study Support ON NOW



After School Study Support Classes

October 2023 to December 2023

- · Please prioritise the after school classes for your subjects that you are below target in.
- · Do not leave it too late, start now.
- Classes run from 3.30 pm to 4.30 pm.
- · These classes will focus on general consolidation.

Level	Day	Teacher
N5	Monday	Miss Gower
N5	Monday	Miss Sword / Miss Saddiq
N5	Monday	Miss Lambie
N5 / Higher	Monday	Mr Greenwood
N5	Monday	Mr Young
Higher	Monday	Mrs Cooper
N5 / Higher / AH	Monday	Maths Department
N5	Monday	Miss Chisholm
Higher	Monday	Miss Manning
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Subject	Level	Day	Teacher
Admin and IT	Higher	Tuesday	Miss Gower
Applications of Maths	N5	Tuesday	Miss Sword / Miss Saddiq
Art and Photography	N5 / Higher / AH	Tuesday	Miss McCluskey / Miss Mackay
Biology	AH	Tuesday	Miss Lambie
Chemistry	AH	Tuesday	Miss Maher
Computing Science	N5 / H	Tuesday	Miss Watson
English	N5 / Higher / AH	Tuesday	Mr Tibbetts
Health and Social Care	Higher	Tuesday (every 2 weeks)	Miss Gordon
History	N5 / AH	Tuesday	Miss Nicol
History	Higher	Tuesday	Miss Scott
Library	N5 / Higher / AH	Tuesday	Mrs Skinner
Maths	N5 / Higher / AH	Tuesday	Maths Department
Modern Studies	N5	Tuesday	Mr Reynolds
Retail	N5	Tuesday	Miss Bridges
Art and Photography	N5 / Higher / AH	Wednesday	Miss McCluskey / Miss Mackay
Biology	N5	Wednesday	Miss Lambie
Chemistry	Higher	Wednesday	Miss Stephen
Geography	N5	Wednesday	Ms Forbes
Human Biology	Higher	Wednesday	Mrs Cooper
Library	N5 / Higher / AH	Wednesday	Mrs Skinner
Modern Studies	Higher / AH	Wednesday	Mr Reynolds
Music	N5 / Higher / AH	Wednesday	Miss Ho / Miss Lafferty
Practical Cookery	N5	Wednesday	Miss Gordon
Business	N5 / Higher / AH	Thursday	Miss Pryde
Chemistry	N5	Thursday	Miss Maher
Geography	Higher	Thursday	Ms Forbes
Health and Food Technology	Higher	Thursday	Ms McGurk
Physics	N5 / Higher / AH	Thursday	Mr Steven
RMPS	Higher	Thursday	Miss Manning



Masterclasses Coming soon.....

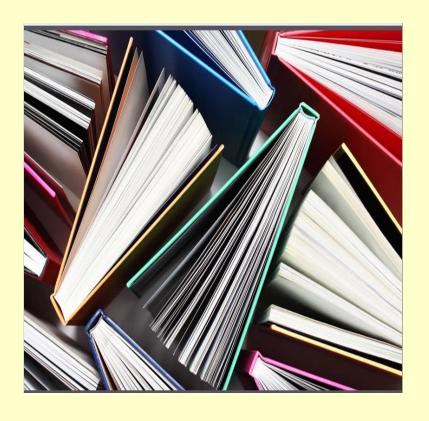


These will run each:

- Tuesday
- Wednesday
- Thursday
- 4.45 to 5.45
- 5.45 6.15 = hot food break
- 6.15 to 7pm
- January to March 2024



Later in the year



Targeted revision classes for Grade C pupils

Easter School 2024

Immersion days



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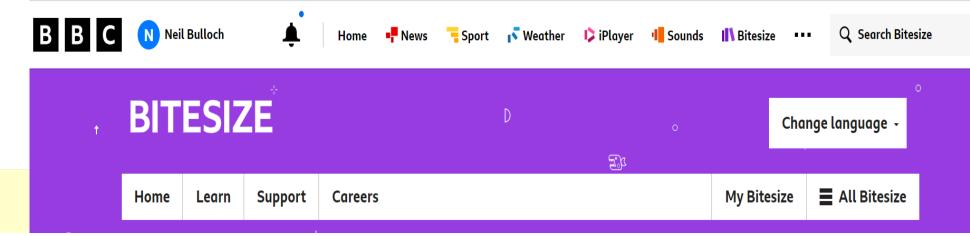
Available Courses

Humanities and Social Sciences			
	N5	Н	АН
Accounting		✓	✓
Art and Design		✓	
Business Management	✓	✓	✓
Economics		✓	✓
English	✓	✓	✓
Geography	✓		
Music	✓		
Psychology		✓	**

Languages			
	N5	Н	АН
ESOL	✓	✓	**
French	*	✓	✓
Gaelic	*	✓	
German	*	✓	✓
Mandarin	✓		
Spanish	*	✓	✓

Sciences			
	N5	Н	АН
Applications of Mathematics	✓	✓	**
Biology	✓	✓	✓
Chemistry	✓	✓	✓
Computing Science	✓	✓	✓
Human Biology	**	✓	**
Mathematics	✓	✓	✓
Physics	✓	✓	✓





All National 5 subjects

These subjects may contain both Guides for students and Classroom videos for use by teachers.



Application of Maths



Art and Design



Biology



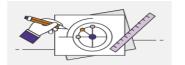
Business management



Chemistry



Computing Science



Design and manufacture



English



French



Gaelic (Learners)



Geography



History



Maths



Modern Languages



Modern Studies



Music



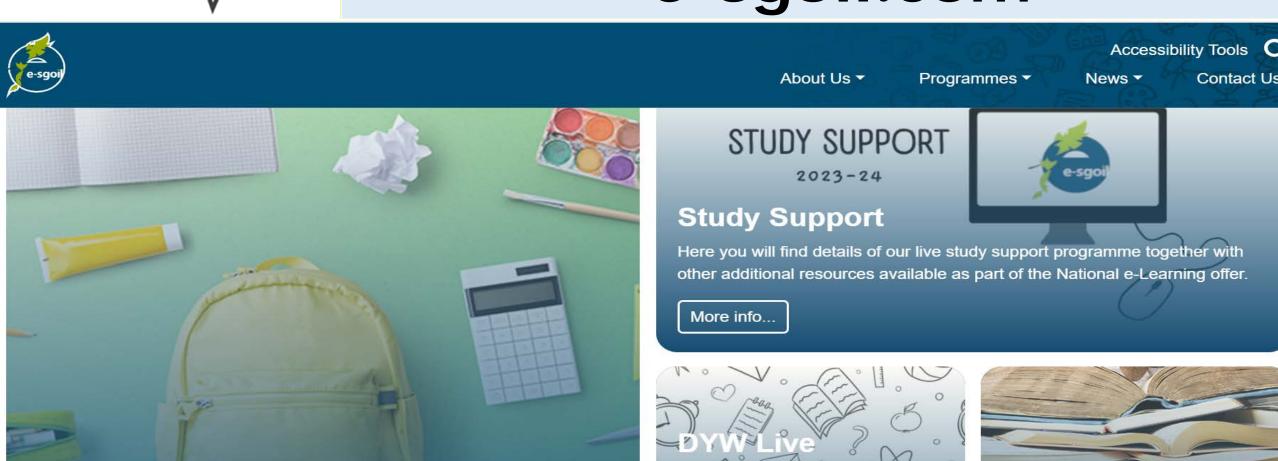
Physical Education



Physics



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that support learners' development of employability skills, career

Gàidhlig / Gaelic



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MONDAY				
Time	Subject	Level		
	HFT	N5/Higher		
5pm	Maths	N5		
	RMPS	Higher		
	Practical Cookery	N5		
	Physics	Higher		
	Physics	Advanced Higher		
6pm	Human Biology	Higher		
	Business Management	N5		
	Applications of Maths	N5		
	RMPS	N5		
	Applications of Maths	Higher		
	Business Management	Advanced Higher		
7	Biology	Higher		
7pm	Computing Science	Higher		
	Biology	Advanced Higher		
	Computing Science	N5		



	TUESDAY				
Time	Subject	Level			
4pm	Maths	N4			
	Modern Studies	Higher			
	Music	N5			
5pm	Maths	Higher			
	Gaelic (learners)	N5/Higher			
	Spanish	Higher			
	Maths	Advanced Higher			
6pm	Business Management	Higher			
	Chemistry	N5			
	Music	Higher			
	Accounting	Higher			
7pm	English	Higher			
	Chemistry	Advanced Higher			

THURSDAY				
Time	Subject	Level		
5pm	Engineering Science	N5		
	Engineering Science	Higher		
	Physics	N5		
	Chemistry	Higher		
	Art and Design	Higher		
6pm	Admin and IT	Higher		
	History	Higher		
	Design and Manufacture	N5		
	Biology	N5		
	PE	N5		
	PE	Higher		
7PM	History	N5		
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WEDNESDAY				
Time	Subject	Level		
5pm	French	N5		
	Graphic Communication	Higher		
	Geography	Higher		
	Gàidhlig	N5/Higher		
6pm	French	Higher		
	Geography	N5		
7pm	Design and Manufacture	Higher		
	English	N4		
	English	N5		
	English	Advanced Higher		

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National e-Learning Offer















STUDY SUPPORT

2023-24

National e-Learning Offer

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I am delighted to hear that e-Sgoil will again be offering its Evening Study Support Programme for senior phase pupils.

The 2023-24 programme, building on the success of last year's popular programme will again offer a wide range of subjects at different levels.

The Evening Study Support Programme, along with many other formal and informal e-Sgoil programmes, demonstrates again the success of e-Sgoil and the benefits for young people throughout Scotland.

Jenny Gilruth, Cabinet Secretary for Education & Skills

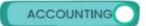
STUDY SUPPORT

2023-24



Click the hotspots on the subject names below to view the individual Study Support timetable for that subject



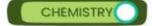






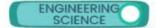










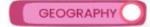










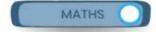










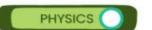


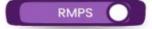






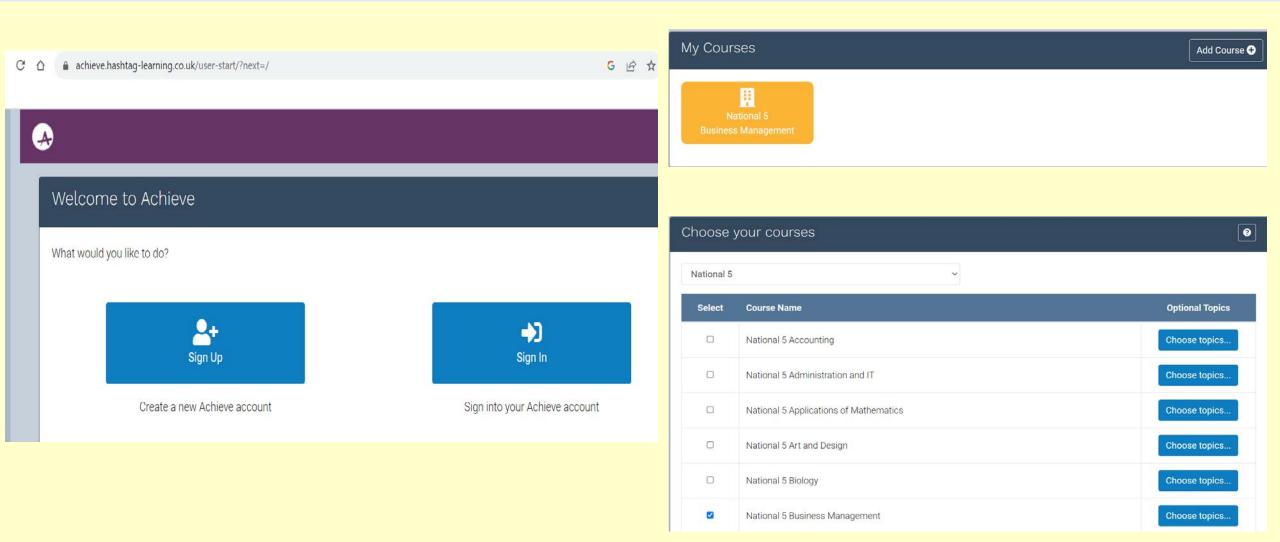








Achieve







Assess

Self-evaluate

Quizzer



Explanation of the topic

Further learning links

Further learning links: The nature of business organisations

BBC Bitesize

Role of business in society

BBC Bitesize

The impact of globalisation

Dynamic nature of business

Business Education for Learners

Understanding business - notes

BBC Bitesize

The nature of business

BBC Bitesize



Questions & activities



The nature of business organisations

Explain what is meant by a business organisation.

A business is an organisation that makes, buys or sells goods or provides a service. This may involve one person or a group people working together to achieve common goal, such as making a profit or providing a valuable product or service to customers.

Give examples of small businesses.





Why businesses exist

SQA Past paper Questions



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Learn



Self-evaluate

Quizzer

Assess

The Assess module tests your knowledge and understanding of a subject through multiple choice and short answer questions.

You can choose to answer questions about a specific topic, or a unit, or you can try whole course assessment.

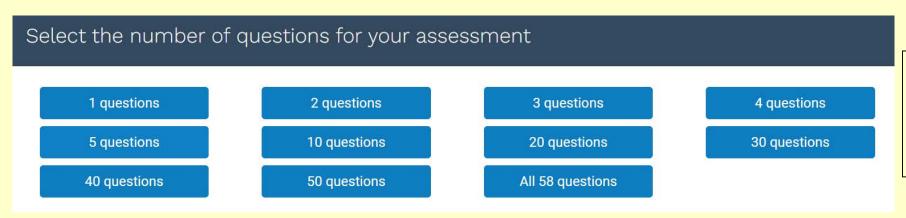
Course ﷺ Unit ∰ Topic ﷺ

ACHIEVE will give you a detailed breakdown of your strengths and weaknesses.

My streaks 💆

Look out for your Streaks - the number of consecutively correct answers you have achieved. Can you make it to the top of the Streaks table for your school, or even the whole of Scotland?





Multiple choice or open ended questions

Self-evaluate

Identify aspects of a course where you have a good understanding and feel confident. Also identify areas where your knowledge is poor and where you need additional learning.

Click the self-evaluate button to start traffic lighting each concept of your course.



Traffic light each concept of your course:

- I don't understand
- I have some understanding
- I have a good understanding

When you finish, ACHIEVE will give you a detailed breakdown of your strengths and weaknesses.





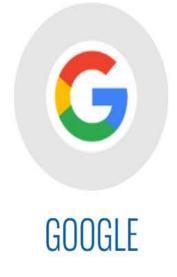
Understanding business



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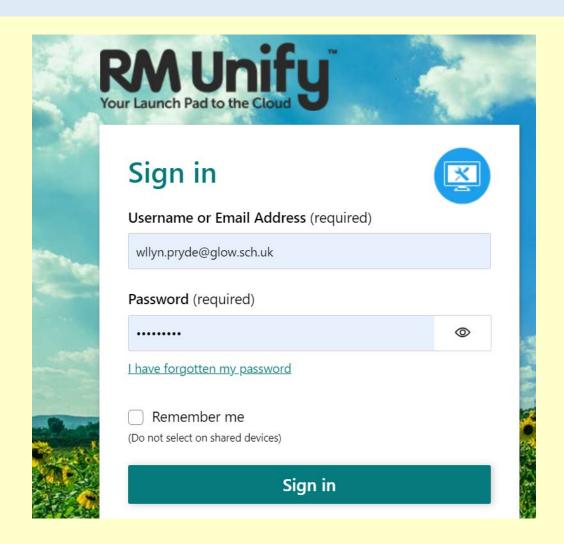


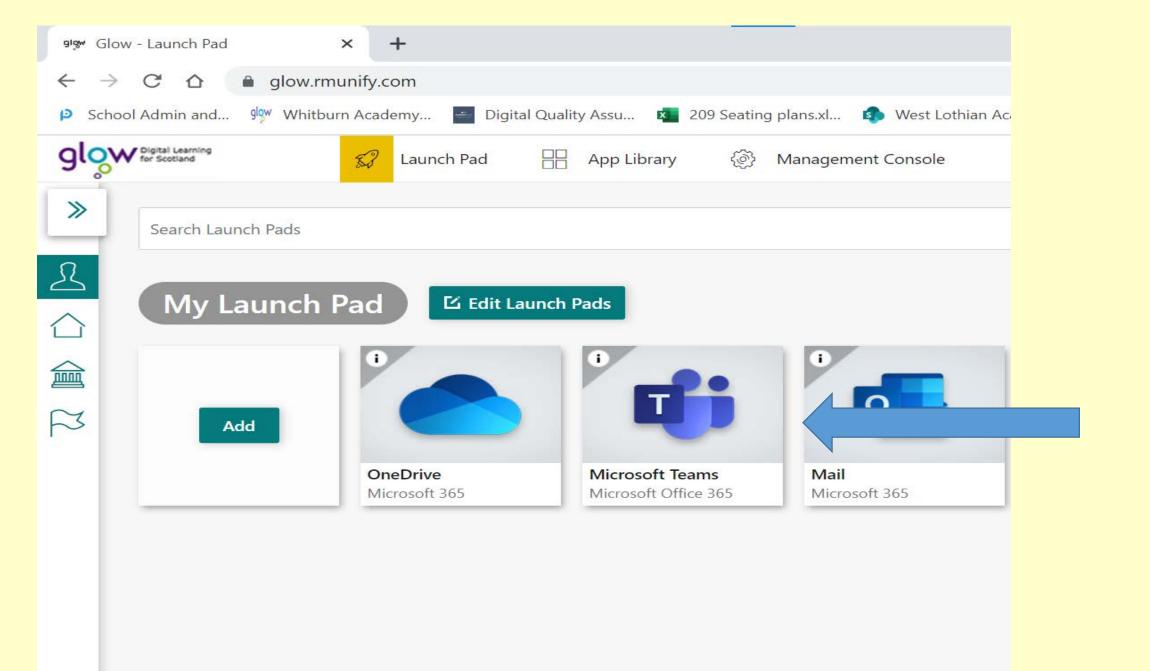


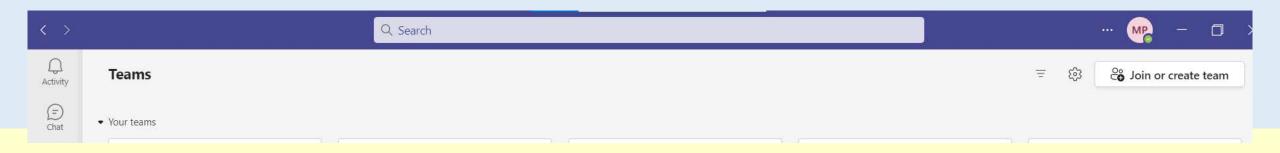
Glow

 Sign in with Glow username and password

 Remember 'WL' at the start of username







Teacher will have added you before you have started using Teams

Join or create a team

Join a team with a code

• OR

 You should click on join team and enter code given by teacher

Channels

< All teams



1X2 Business Miss Pryde 2022-23 ···

Home page

Class Notebook

Assignments

Grades

Reflect

Insights

Channels

General

Help

Ready to work

Revision

Assignments



Assigned

Returned Drafts

Load previous

Ethical Debate Prep

Due 4 October 2022 13:05

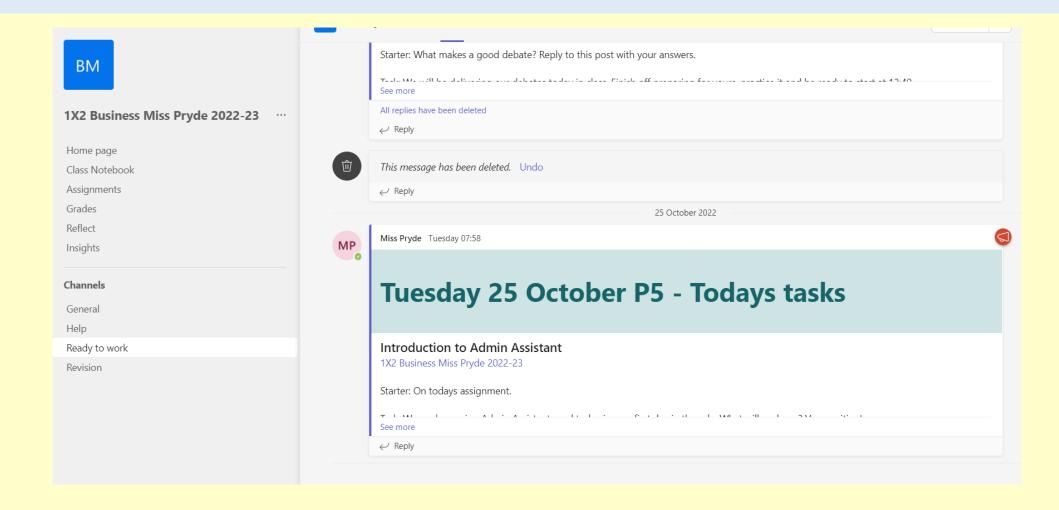
S1 X2 Reasons Business Exist & Ethics Homework

Due 7 October 2022 18:00

Intro to Admin Assistant

Due 25 October 2022 13:05

Daily/Weekly posts



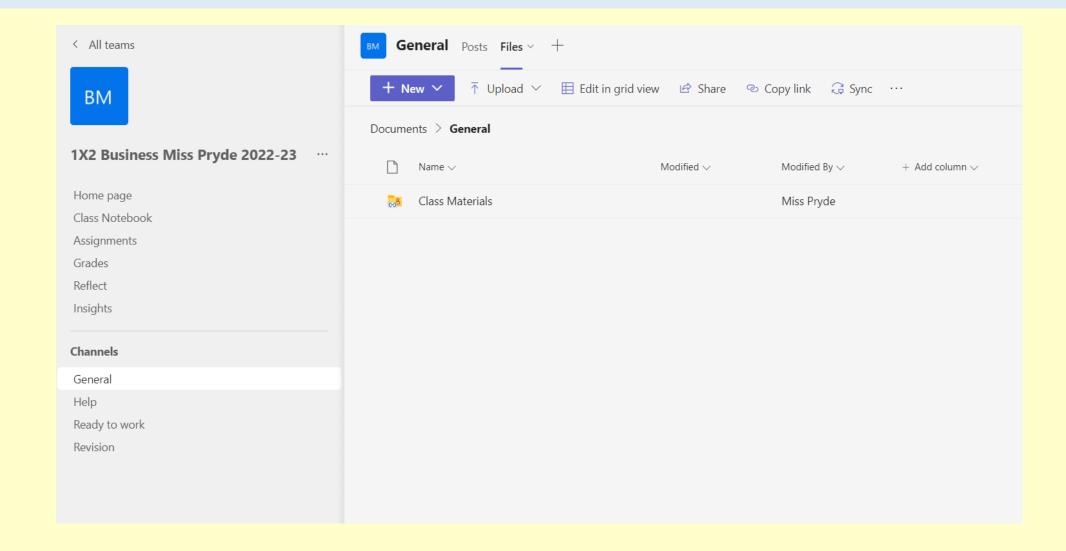
Introduction in class

• Every teacher will go over their Teams layout

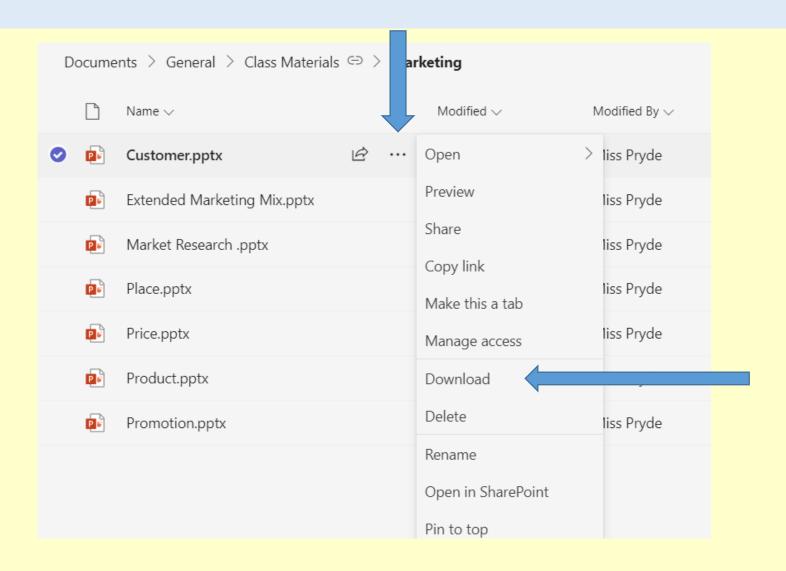
Shown where to find everything



Files



Download files



Ask for help

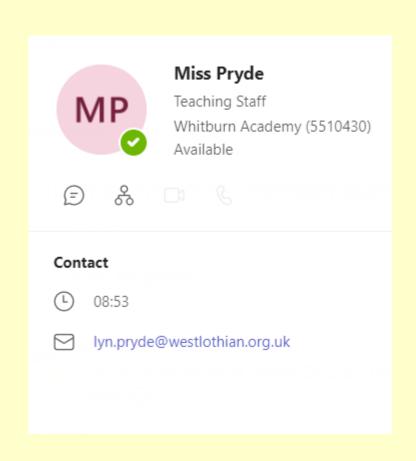
Channels

General

Help

Ready to work

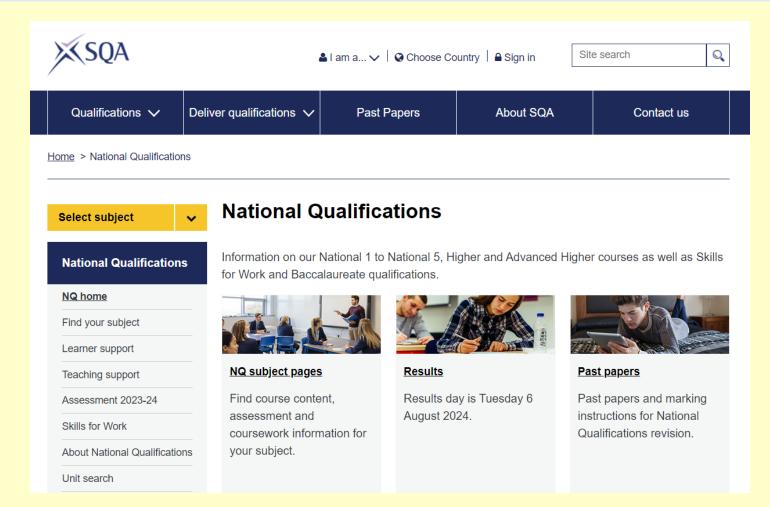
Revision





SQA

www.sqa.org.uk



SQA Website



SQA Understanding Standards

www.understandingstandards.org.uk

 Understanding standards



Study Skills

Video to show







Maximising Wellbeing





Sleep

Exercise

Healthy Eating



How to encourage a good nights sleep

During the day

- Get out into natural light for at least 30 minutes per day
- Avoid too many sugary drinks (or those with caffeine)
- Avoid having a nap during the day
- Find someone to share any worries with
- Don't lie-in at the weekends



During the evening

- Clear homework out of the way
- Have a good meal (but not too close to bedtime)
- Do any stimulating activities such as exercise, watching TV and playing computer games earlier in the evening



The wind down hour

- Stick as closely as you can to the same bedtime, even at weekends
- Dim the lights
- Switch off anything with a screen
- Have a bath
- Read or listen to relaxing music
- Try a relaxation technique
- Switch of internet





The bedroom

- Try and create a 'sleep room'
- Keep your bedroom dark and cool
- Make sure your bed is comfortable
- Use subdued lighting
- Remove pets that are nocturnal

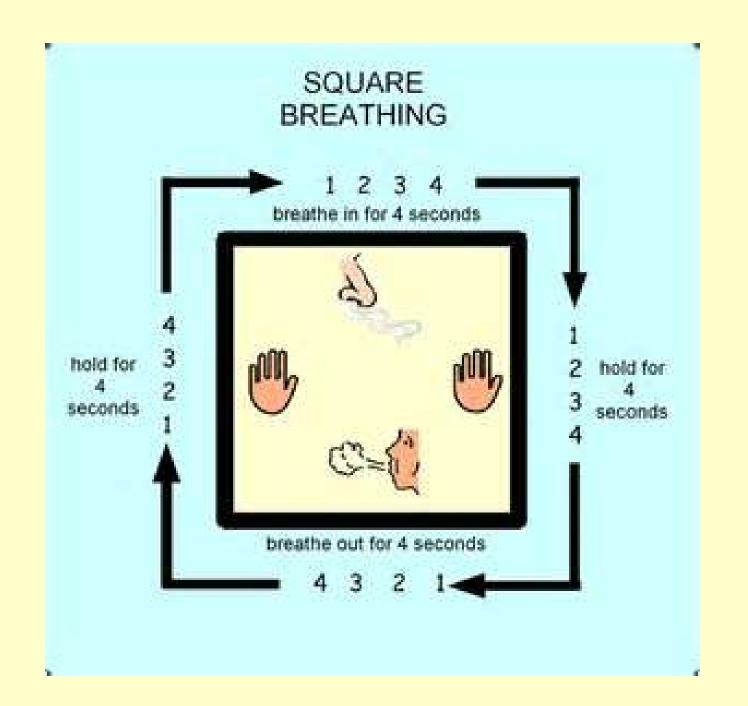


Summary

- Consider what goes on during the day could anything potentially be affecting sleep?
- Get a good routine in place for the evening make sure you are removing any potential barriers to good sleep
- Plan a 'wind down hour' and leave the day behind
- Try to have the bedroom as a 'sleep room' rather than a bedsit – even if you change things every night for the wind down hour

Dealing with Stress

Stress affects us all in different ways but preparing for examinations is a worrying and very stressful time for our young people



Relaxation is very important;

you should always find time in your busy life to relax.

- Relaxation Apps and podcasts
- Sport and Exercise
- Going for a walk
- Chatting to friends
- Reading a book
- Interests and hobbies
- Sleep!





- Tracking
- September
- December

- Full Reports
- February



Tracking Reports

Name:	Rachael Whyte					
Tutor:	4B2					
Attendance:	100%					
Lates:	0					

Whitburn Academy provides a tracking report at regular intervals to give pupils and parents/carers up to date information about pupils' progress.

Key to Report Information:

EFFORT/BEHAVIOUR:

- 1 excellent
- 2 very good
- 3 room for improvement
- 4 requires urgent attention

HOMEWORK

- 1 always on time and/or completed to a high standard
- 2 mainly on time and/or to a reasonable standard
- 3 often not completed and/or requires to be of a higher standard
- 4 never completed and/or not to a satisfactory standard. A level is only provided for homework where there has been sufficient homework issued to give accurate information.



Tracking Reports

Working Grade	The grade the pupil is currently achieving based on evidence.						
Target Grade	What the pupil should be aiming to achieve as a result of ongoing feedback.						
Adv Higher	A = A pass						
Higher	B = B pass						
National 5	C = C pass						
	D = Fail (40-49%)						
	F = Fail (less than 40%)						
	If the Working Grade is a 'D' or 'F' then the pupil will have a 'Next Steps Feedback' comment.						
National 3	P = Pass						
National 4	F = Fail						
Level 44/45/46/47							



Tracking Target Setting

Subject:					Geography	Teacher:	Miss Forbes	Level:	N5			
Е	В	Н	WG	TG	Teacher Comment:							
1	1	1	D	С	have a great work required to pass N! focus on the follow Glaciation Test and through all past pa	Rachael, your strengths are that you are committed to doing well in Geography and have a great work ethic, however, you are still developing the mapwork skills required to pass N5 Geography. In order to reach your Target Grade, you should ocus on the following targets: Target 1: using class feedback, re-do Q1a of your Glaciation Test and hand this in for marking by the end of the week; Target 2: go hrough all past papers located in the Revision Channel on Teams, identify all questions similar to Q1a and attempt these questions to practise your mapskills .						



Tracking Target Setting

- Specific
- Measurable
- Achievable
- Realistic
- Time limited



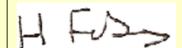
Tracking Target Setting

Pupil SMART Target:

Target 1: look at the feedback notes from my jotter for Q1a, I scored 2/4, find 2 other glaciation features on the map (a corrie and u-shaped valley) and re-write my answer to gain 4/4. Hand this in for marking by Friday 11th November.

Target 2: look at all past papers and write down the year and question numbers for every question that asks me to identify glaciated landscape features on a map. Attempt one of these questions each night and hand in to Miss Forbes for marking the following day to ensure I am improving my scores. Aim to have all questions complete by the end of November.

Signature:





Feedback

- Ongoing
- Every lesson
- Active/action

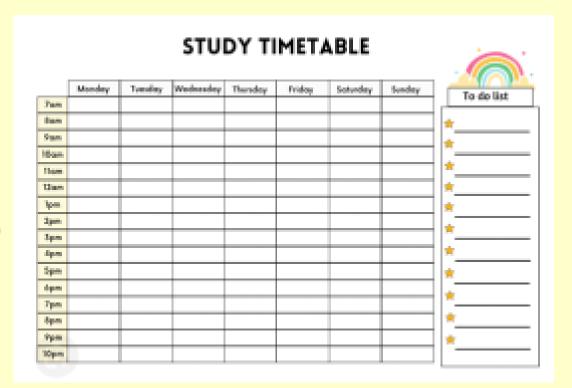


- How Can You Help Your Child?
- Ask them what they need to work on for each subject
- Read reports
- Check they are setting targets
- Check they are actively using them and actioning their targets



Study Timetables

- Study timetables are great for making sure that you have the time to revise for each of your classes before exams.
- They can help breakdown tasks into more manageable sections and they help you to focus on what you need to most help with.
- It's also good to schedule in breaks!
- They also help with time management and goal setting.





Extra curricular clubs and activities

It is important to make sure that you also keep up with other activities, although they may not be directly linked to exams, they help to build transferable skills and to relieve stress.

Sports are an excellent way to relax and reset your mind after studying, there are also many other lunch time clubs on offer which are great for socialising as well as developing skills which may come in handy, not just in exams but later in life too.



Mental wellbeing

Exams are stressful, and it's important to know that mental health takes priority, remember, if anyone is feeling a little overwhelmed they can always speak to a teacher, house support or a fellow pupil for advice and support.

Taking regular breaks can help to cope with stress and making sure to get a full nights sleep alongside a healthy diet are also essential to balancing your mental health with study.



Study Techniques

There are many ways to make revision more fun, here are the most effective to help pass exams:

- Flash Cards are a great way to revise quickly and to solidify what you already know.
- SQA past papers: setting a timer and completing a paper in assessment conditions at home helps to prepare for the exam experience and removes pressure associated with tests.
- Mind maps, these can help to display the gaps in your knowledge, making it clear which part of the course needs to be worked on.
- Revision posters: designing a poster to display your notes can help to serve as a reminder of the key topics discussed in class.





BREAKING

Cocker spaniel killed & owner bitten



The figures are based on exam results from the 2021/22 school year.

Scotland's Schools Rankings: These are the 12 overperforming Scottish secondary schools that beat exam expectation

More than 100 secondary schools across Scotland are surpassing

Impact





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performed best against their 'virtual comparator'.



1. Whitburn Academy

At Whitburn Academy, in West Lothian, 55 per cent of pupils left with at least five Highers in 2022. This is a huge 34 percentage points better than its virtual comparator. Photo: Google Maps

Our Vision



Empowering our young people to learn and achieve, allowing them to thrive now and in the future.