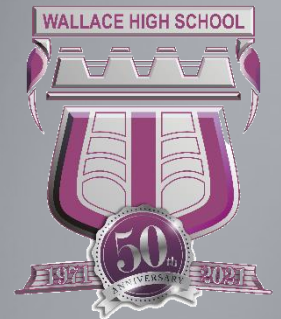


Wallace High School

S4 Nationals Information ~

August 2024



Supporting Students

Key Personnel:

- Mr Snedden: S4 DHT
- Mr Kerr: Pupil Support Leader
- Fiona Lafferty: Skills Development Scotland
- Miss MacVicar: DYW/Pathways Lead
- Learning Support Team...

How do new courses compare to old?

SCQF	Previous Courses	New Courses	Progression
7	Advanced Higher	Advanced Higher (Revised)	Higher Education
6	Higher	Higher (Revised)	Advanced Higher (Revised) Higher/Further Education
5	Intermediate 2 Standard Grade Credit	National 5/National Progression Awards etc.	Higher (Revised) Further Education
4	Intermediate 1 Standard Grade General	National 4	National 5
3	Access 3	National 3	National 4
2	Access 2	National 2	National 3
1	Access 1	National 1	National 2

The National Picture

- The arrangements for this session will continue a return to full, 'pre-Covid' course requirements.
- Full course outlines, specifications & assessment arrangements, including specimen papers, past papers and marking schemes are fully available on the SQA Website.

The Wallace Picture

- Current S4 pupils have selected up to **seven** Nationals/ accredited courses and started these in May 2024
- In common with previous qualifications, absolutely final decisions about level of presentation will not be made until ***the latest possible stage to maximise positive presentation***
- This ensures maximum time for pupils to progress and perform at the ***highest level possible – they do not 'drop down' later in the year, we simply CONFIRM LEVELS LATER***
- On-going feedback about levels will be provided through: **Tracking Reports** and all usual Pupil Support and Faculty communications (letters, phone calls, meetings)

Different Levels: National 4 or 5?

- All units and courses from Nat 1–4 are internally assessed by teachers and moderated by the SQA
- The Added Value Unit at Nat 4 replaces an examination with a project-based assessment
- For Nat 5 and above there will be a final examination in most subjects
- At Nat 5 pupils do not have to complete unit passes as part of their award.
- You can, however, also complete units at National 5 where there is a concern about final level ('borderline' Nat4/5)
- Courses from Nat 1 – 4 are simply graded pass or fail
- Courses at Nat 5 are graded A-D or 'No Award'
- D at National 5 is, generally, 40%-49%

Prelims

- Prelims are designed to provide a formative experience of exam conditions before the final exam.
- There will be a full Prelim diet in January, with study leave.
- There will also be individual subject Prelims at relevant points and opportunities for assessments under exam conditions.
- Gives a good understanding of strengths and of areas for development
- Snapshot of potential attainment at that point in time

SQA Exams

- Pupils sitting National 5 courses
- Pupils will sit up to 7 exams in May 2025
- In 2023 and 2024 candidates were able to appeal if they were disappointed with their result.
- We await confirmation of any Appeals arrangements for 2024/25, but **all pupils should be aware of the core advantage of compiling on-going, accurate evidence of their *best* work.**
- If a pupil is unwell or cannot sit an examination due to circumstances beyond their control an Exceptional Circumstances consideration will be submitted to SQA and this does require valid assessment evidence to be submitted.

Supporting Attainment

Through a variety of Health & Wellbeing sessions, assemblies and external partners we offer enhanced universal support in S4.

Supporting Attainment

- Study skills
- Live 'N' Learn
- Personal Study Plans
 - Individual needs
- Target Setting

Supporting Health and Wellbeing

- Time management/ managing stress/ positive mindset
- Sleep/nutrition/relaxation techniques
- Mental and emotional health
- Relationships and sexual health

Pupil Support Leader Role

Pastoral Support of S4

1st point of contact

- Any concerns / questions please call and ask for the relevant PT Pupil Support

Supporting and monitoring the young people

- Class teachers
- Tracking
- Interviews

Support with the pressures of S4

- Health and Wellbeing
- Mental and emotional health

Appropriate levelling and confirming presentation levels

Ensuring the best for all young people in S4

Supporting Positive Destinations

- Learner Pathways
- Practical support – MYWOW
- Skills Development Scotland
 - Regular checks of Google Classroom
- College Application

College

- Applications Open
 - Early November
 - Personal Statements
 - Careers Advisor Appointments & Support
- Applications close from January
- Interviews February to April

Supported Study

- Departments
- Study Cafés
- Google Classroom
- LRC
- Online Resources
- BBC Bitesize

- We aim to publish a full study programme to begin post-October this session