



# SQA Assembly 2022





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# What's this assembly about?

- Prelim dates
- What to expect
- Additional assessment arrangements
- How to prepare



# Prelim Exams

- 2 week diet of exams.
- Mon 9<sup>th</sup> - Fri 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023.
- For most candidates, exams will take place in the Games Hall.
- For some, exams will take place in ICT or Eng 10/Eng 11.
- Timetables will be issued (paper copy and on Teams) - if there are any clashes or problems, please see Mrs Maughan *straight away*.



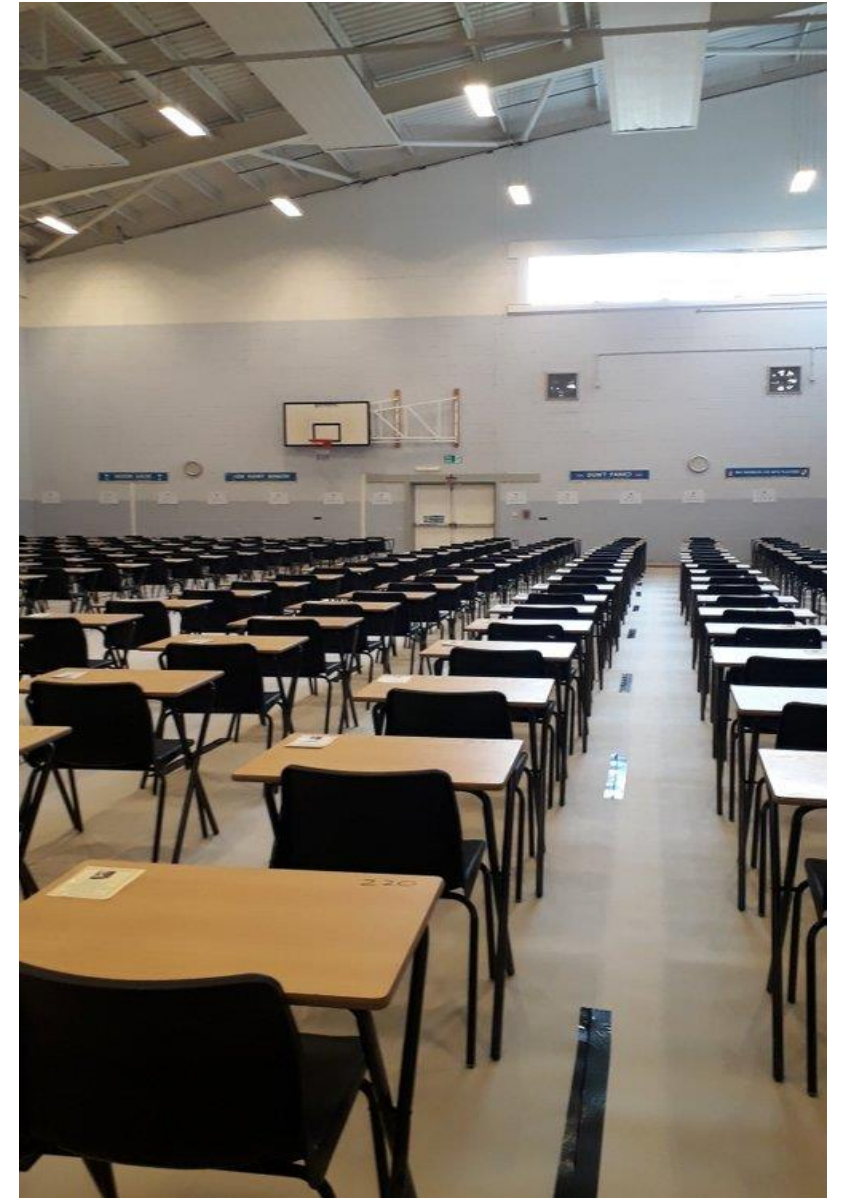
# Prelim Exams

- It's possible you will have more than one exam on any given day - this is unavoidable.
- **A clash is only when 2 subjects are timetabled at the same time on the same day.**
- ***Possible strike action on 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> Jan - no prelims on those days.***



# What to expect

- This is what the exam hall looks like:



# What to expect

You must attend each exam wearing full school uniform.

The exam hall can be cold, so make sure you have your blazer and school jumper.



# Mobile phones



- SQA have a very strict policy about mobile phones.
- NO mobile phones are allowed in the exam hall - not even in your pocket or in your bag.
- You won't be able to bring your phone (or any other device) into the exam hall.





- For all of your exams, you will be allocated a seat number - it is important you sit in the correct seat.
- When you sit in your exam, you must check the exam paper that is in front of you.
- Check the subject and the level are correct and what you are meant to be sitting.
- You are allowed a clear pencil case on your desk.
- Bring some spare pens and pencils in case one runs out.
- Bring a ruler and a rubber too in case you need it.



# Timings

- It is really important that you arrive **early** on the days you have an exam.
- You will be asked to line up in the Crush Hall before quietly and calmly entering the exam hall.
- Exams have strict timings, so it's important that they start on time.
- You can check how long you have left using the large clocks on the wall.



- Once you are told to start the exam, regular exam conditions apply, so you are not allowed to talk or look around at other candidates.
- SQA impose severe sanctions for any candidate who is believed to have been cheating. This can affect all of your subjects.



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# Additional Assessment Arrangements

- Some candidates require extra arrangements for exams, such as extra time, use of ICT, sitting the exam in a separate room etc.
- If you have a specific need such as dyslexia, Autism, Aspergers and think this could apply to you, please speak to Miss Glass (Support for Learning) as soon as possible.



# What do I do if I am absent?

- You should make every effort to be at each of your exams.
- If you are sick on the day of an exam, or there is a family emergency **do not panic!!**
- Contact the school - phone the school office / email your teacher / Pupil Support teacher / Head of Year.
- We will try to make arrangements for you to sit the Prelim when you come back to school.



# How to prepare

- *Get organised!*
- Have a folder for each subject and organise all your notes within each folder (unit by unit).
- Make a study timetable - plan your time.
- Build in short breaks to your study plan.
- Come to supported study sessions.
- Try past paper questions.



# Ways to study

- Revision mind maps
- Flashcards
- Past Paper questions
- Voice record notes/facts and listen back
- Make summaries of your notes - highlight key points
- Add diagrams to explain facts



# Remember...

- Prelims are like a practice run for the SQA Exams - use your prelim results to motivate you to get even better results in April/May!
- Once you've got your results back, ask your teachers for feedback on what you can do to improve and build on any weaker areas.
- Prelim results are used in the case of an appeal - they are really important





9<sup>th</sup> Jan - 20<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023

Good luck! 😊

