



Kirkwall Grammar School

Supported Study Information

2017/18



## Senior Supported Study Information 2017/18

This year we are delighted to be able to continue to offer a range of supported study sessions, which are run on a voluntary basis by departments.

We encourage all of our S4, S5 and S6 students to consider attending supported study, not just those who feel they are struggling.

Supported study sessions are designed to help students with assignments/folios/projects (which can account for a considerable percentage of their overall course award) as well as help prepare them for unit assessments throughout the year. Sessions also offer support with exam technique and allow students access to resources such as past papers and revision textbooks.

Although sessions may be advertised to run for an hour, students don't need to stay for an hour and ideally should go prepared with questions to ask and topics to revise. (Bus slips are available for service buses.)

### Art

Supported study is offered on a **daily basis** in the Art Department throughout the year. This includes Fridays up until 1500. The Art staff offer study at various times, allowing pupils to access support or facilities at a time when mutually agreed. It is very relaxed and pupils may work at a pace which suits them. N. Watson will run a **study class on Thursdays after school, specifically to support the written element** of the course to prepare pupils for the exam. **This session will rotate between Expressive and Design every Thursday until the Easter holidays.**

### Business, Technology and Enterprise

We have an "open door" policy for support - we will fit in around the pupils' needs. We will do (and have done) **after school and lunchtimes**, and arrange times during the timetable if appropriate. We also have a page on our department spot on the website, where there are recommended IT links for the pupils to use: <http://www.kgsorkney.com/links5.html>

### Design and Technology

Mr Woodrow has a set **Graphic Communication** and **Design & Manufacture** supported study session on a **Monday after school** in G085 until **1630**. Other teachers are offering supported study at a variety of times (across the whole D&T curriculum). This can be arranged, in advance, by mutual arrangement between students and staff.

### Drama

- There will be supported study for the written papers on **Monday** and **Tuesday** immediately **after school**.
- We run supported study **after school every day** for **pupils to rehearse** for their **acting/practical** exams in (February and March) from **1535 until 1800**.
- We also have **rehearsals/practical support** for **designers/ sewing costumes** on **Tuesdays from 1535 until 1800**.
- **All** pupils can come in to rehearse on **Saturdays and Sundays in March, 1000 until 1700**. **They must arrange this with the staff and performers they are working with.**
- There will be study dates set in May during block release (study leave).
- Third year pupils will also be rehearsing in May for a performance.

## English

You can do supported study in the English Department **any afternoon apart from Fridays**. The classrooms, tutorial room, and breakout spaces can all be used if you're looking for a relaxed and peaceful study environment. If your own English teacher isn't available, there will always be someone on hand to help. We can give you materials to work on, or help you if you get stuck. Sometimes, in the run-up to exams, we offer taught supported study sessions. These are usually advertised in the pupil bulletin. If you want to come to supported study in the English Department, please speak to your teacher or Dr Hall beforehand.

## Guidance

Guidance staff are happy to discuss tracking reports, target grades and other academic aims at any time. Having a long-term goal can be a great motivator for studying - check <http://www.kgsorkney.com/our-partners-and-links.html> for careers info.

Remember you can ask for a Skills Development Scotland careers appointment with Kerri or Kay at any time. (See your Guidance teacher or Mr Curran in the library for more info.)

## Languages

Supported study runs on **Monday lunchtime for French, German and Spanish**. Sessions can be arranged with your classroom teacher. After the prelims, pupils will be encouraged to request extra help and sessions will be organised (on a sporadic basis) with specific targets, eg Directed Writing. Past Papers will be available in the staff base at all times for independent work.

## Maths

Mathematics staff offer a wide range of opportunities for students to access supported study. To find out the current times available, please ask your teacher or Mrs Curran.

## Media

Media supported study is on **Tuesdays after school**. See the noticeboard in the English corridor for details, or ask your English teacher.

## Music

The Music Department offers extra help at lunchtimes or after school when required by mutual arrangement, in advance, between individual pupils and staff.

## PE

The PE Department have an official study session on **Wednesday night (1545-1645)** in the PE classroom each week. With that being said, there is usually someone in the department for a bit after school each night should a pupil want to come past and ask for an impromptu session.

## Science

Please check the **notice boards around the Science corridor** to see when supported study sessions will run. This is a great way to catch up on missed work, revise for an assessment, practise some exam questions, or work through our study guides with a teacher available to help.

Biology;	Monday - Dr Shand Tuesday - Miss Couper (Alternate Tue/Thu) Wednesday - Miss Ferguson Thursday - Miss Couper/Miss Grant
Chemistry	Monday - Dr Maley Tuesday - Miss Ferguson Wednesday - Dr Johnston Thursday - Mr Fletcher
Physics	Monday - Miss Harcus (lunchtime by arrangement) Tuesday - Mr O'Neil

## Social Subjects

The Social Subjects Department offers extra help at **lunchtimes and/or after school** when required. This is through mutual arrangement, in advance, between individual pupils and staff. There is a **supported study noticeboard** in the corridor where sessions related to specific course content and skills are advertised. We would kindly ask that pupils check these boards for upcoming study sessions which relate to their development needs highlighted by their Tracking Report.