



Weekly Update

26th January 2024





Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your continued support during another week of weather-related disruptions.

It was lovely to see our S2 parents/ carers in school for our S2 parents' evening – thank you for your understanding about the rearranged date!

Best of luck to KGS band Auskerry who are off the renowned Celtic Connections music festival in Glasgow this weekend where they will be competing on the Danny Kyle Open Stage which seeks to recognise tomorrow's talent today. It's a great achievement to be invited along and we wish them all the best!

We were delighted to hand out certificates this week to the first group of young people from KGS to complete Dynamic Youth Awards. This award, at SCQF Level 3, involves young people in setting and completing a challenge which allows them to develop a range of skills. Pictured are some of our award winners along with Youth Workers Gavin Innes and Lianne Taylor who have supported their achievement.

We hope you have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing all S5 and S6 pupils back in school on Monday following study leave.

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S2 into S3 Options (Mr Ewing)

The S2 into S3 options are now open. Option forms and course descriptors are now available on the school website here: <https://www.kgsorkney.com/options.html>

The S2 into S3 options presentation for parents can be found here: <https://prezi.com/view/EP116OS7qsyflorID2QK/>

Options Close: Thursday 15 February

Pupils will receive support from Skills Development Scotland and in their PSE classes throughout the options process.

Senior Options S3 into S4, S4 into S5 and S5 into S6 (Mr Ewing)

Key dates:

- Wednesday 31st January - Senior options will open on with materials available on the KGS Website
- Wednesday 14th February - S4 into 5 and S5 into 6 options presentation 4.30pm to 5pm in KGS Library
- Wednesday 28th February - S3 into S4 options presentation (Before S3 Parents' Evening)
- Monday 4th March - Senior Options close.



Although study leave ends for S5 and S6 today (Friday 26th January) and all S5 and S6 pupils will be back at school on Monday, the recent bad weather has meant we will still be running prelims next week.

All S4, S5 and S6 pupils will attend classes and College as normal. If a pupil has a prelim, they should leave classes 15 minutes before an exam and return to their classes once the exam has taken place. If an exam starts at 9am, pupils should go to registration as usual and then make their way to the exam venue @ 8.45am. If a pupil's exam starts at 1pm they should leave classes at 12.15 to get dinner before the exam.

All S4 pupils have received their updated timetables. S5/S6 pupils can collect their updated timetable from the school office on Monday if they haven't done so already. Any S5/6 pupils who are unable to collect their new prelim timetables please contact Karen Kent below and she will email them. karen.kent@glow.orkneyschools.org.uk

Any pupil who isn't sure when their exam is, or has a question, please let Mrs Kent know via email.

The updated timetable of prelims will be as follows:

- Any pupils who were unable to attend their N5 English Exam on Monday 15th will sit their prelim on Tuesday 30th January at 9am
- Prelims that were cancelled last Tuesday 16th will be re distributed over the course of the prelim period and into w/b 29/1. Pupils will see rearranged times when they get their new exam timetables.
- Prelims that were scheduled for Wednesday 17th January will now take place on Wednesday 31st at the same times as originally planned.
- Prelims that were scheduled for Thursday 18th January will now take place on Thursday 1st February at the same times as original scheduled.
- Prelims that were scheduled to take place on Friday 19th of January will now take place on Friday 2nd February at the same times as original scheduled.



Bad weather arrangements

Should we experience any more bad weather during the exam period, we will communicate any changes to arrangements or rescheduling of prelims taking place that day with parents through the KGS Facebook page (or Xpressions during the school day).

Orkney College's Rescheduled Prelims

Due to the weather-related disruption to prelims, Orkney College have rearranged their prelims to the following dates:

Wed 7 th Feb	Higher Psychology	9am
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Thurs 8 th Feb	Higher Care	2pm
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Friday 9 th Feb	N5 Psychology	9am