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Dear parent/guardian

Prelim Exam Diet – January 2024

Our prelim exam diet for senior pupils studying SQA courses from National 5 to Advanced Higher level begins on Monday 15 January 2024. There is scheduled to be one full school week after return from Christmas holidays before prelim exams start. The prelim exam diet is planned over eight school days. Meldrum Academy does not operate study leave for senior pupils during the prelim exam diet and this applies only to the final SQA diet in spring.

The master overview timetable, which gives a single page overview of exam dates and lengths is available to all via the school website at this link:

<https://meldrumacademy.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/sqa/>

In addition to our prelim schedule the SQA timetable for their final spring exam diet is also available at the above link.

As in previous sessions, Faculty Principal Teachers have been given flexibility to offer reduced time prelim exams or to remove a subject/level from the prelim diet. The list of exams adjusted or omitted subjects is included in the information at the above website link. There is no disadvantage to any candidate studying a subject in this category and staff are confident in all cases that there is sufficient robust evidence through ongoing course assessment to provide estimated grades.

Individual timetables containing exam times, locations and seat numbers specific to each individual pupil will be issued in due course. These will take into account adjustments to dates and times required to avoid exam time clashes and individual assessment arrangements. A small number of young people will still have two subjects on the day however this is unavoidable in a compressed prelim diet.

We trust that all pupils will be ready and prepared for a successful prelim exam diet on their return to school.

Yours sincerely,



Craig A Sim
Depute Head Teacher