S4 National 5 Prelim Exams 2026

Arrangements for pupils:

- It is your responsibility to check your prelim timetable and ensure you **arrive on time** and at the **correct venue** for your prelim
  - For exams starting at 08:50, go straight to the exam venue
  - For all other exams, you should **arrive 10 minutes** before the start time
  - Please read your timetable carefully, as some prelims start over break or lunch time
    - Plan ahead and bring a snack or packed lunch
  - Check the list outside the exam venue for your seat – **you must sit in this seat**
  - If you are late, you may not be allowed into the exam venue (this is the case in the final exams)

- If you have prelims on at the same time, two prelims within 30 minutes of each other, or three or more prelims in one day, see Mr MacLeod
  - For any other concerns, see Mr MacLeod as soon as possible

- It is your responsibility to bring the correct equipment for each prelim – ask your teachers if you are unsure about what is needed
  - **Full school uniform** should be worn – you may be turned away if you are not in school uniform
  - **No mobile phones, watches of any kind, or other smart devices are allowed in the exam venue**

- When in the prelim / exam venue, the invigilators are in charge and you must follow their instructions
  - Any candidate who disrupts the prelim in any way **will be removed immediately** – there will be no chance to complete or resit the prelim

- If you are ill on the day of your prelim, your parent / carer must phone the school to inform Mr MacLeod
  - Arrangements will be made to sit the prelim at another time

- Pupils with alternate assessment arrangements will receive their own timetable separately – please see Miss Hughes if you have any questions
  - Pupils and parents/carers are responsible for checking arrangements in advance and contacting Miss Hughes/Mr MacLeod with queries

- There is **no study leave** for S4 prelims
  - You should attend school as usual in **full school uniform**
  - You should attend all timetabled classes (unless sitting a prelim, or instructed otherwise in the prelim arrangements)
  - Some subjects will not be presenting pupils for assessments
  - Normal classwork will be taking place in all subjects (there will be no 'free' revision for other subjects)

Date	Subject	Paper	Time	No.	Venue	Arrangements
Monday 16th November	History	National 5	08:50 – 11:10	90	Assembly Hall	Pupils should take their break immediately after the prelim until 11:35. Pupils should then follow their timetable from period 4 for the remainder of the day.
	Biology	National 5	13:15 – 15:15	107	Assembly Hall	Pupils should take lunch during period 5.

Date	Subject	Paper	Time	No.	Venue	Arrangements
Tuesday 17th November	French	National 5: Reading and Writing	08:50 – 10:20	28	Assembly Hall	Pupils should take their break between 10:20 – 11:35. Pupils should then follow their timetable from period 5 for the remainder of the day.
		National 5: Listening	11:35 – 12:05		Modern Languages Rooms	
	Business Management	National 5	13:55 – 15:25	81	Assembly Hall	Pupils may leave after prelim.

Date	Subject	Paper	Time	No.	Venue	Arrangements
Wednesday 18th November	English	National 5: RUAE	08:50 – 09:50	236	Sports Hall	Pupils should have their break after paper 1, before heading back to their exam venue for paper 2. Pupils should return to class at the start of period 5
		National 5: Critical Reading	10:20 – 11:50			
	Music	National 5	14:45 – 15:30	40	Music Rooms	

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Thursday 19th November	Admin & IT	National 5: Assignment (Part 1)	08:50 – 10:20	33	B Wing Computer Rooms	Pupils should have their break after paper 1.
		National 5: Assignment (Part 2)	10:50 – 12:20 (plus 20 minutes print time)			
	Drama	National 5	08:50 – 10:20	26	Assembly Hall	
	Engineering Science	National 5	13:45 – 15:35	40	Assembly Hall	Pupils should take lunch until 13:35 and then make their way to prelim venue.

Date	Subject	Paper	Time	No.	Venue	Arrangements
Friday 20th November	Modern Studies	National 5	08:50 – 11:10	120	Assembly Hall	Pupils should take their break during period 3. Pupils should then follow their timetable for the remainder of the day.
	Computing Science	National 5	12:30 – 14:00	59	Assembly Hall	Please note that the prelim will take place after the school day

Date	Subject	Paper	Time	No.	Venue	Arrangements
Monday 23rd November	Application of Maths	National 5: Non-Calculator	08:50 – 09:40	54	Assembly Hall	Pupils should have their break after the non-calculator paper. After the calculator paper, pupils should take a break and then attend period 5 class and follow their timetable for the remainder of their day.
		National 5: Calculator	10:10 – 11:50			
	Chemistry	National 5	13:15 – 15:15	71	Assembly Hall	Pupils should take lunch during period 5.

Date	Subject	Paper	Time	No.	Venue	Arrangements
Tuesday 24th November	Spanish	National 5: Reading and Writing	08:50 – 10:20	85	Assembly Hall	Pupils should take their break between 10:20 – 11:35. Pupils should then follow their timetable from period 5 for the remainder of the day.
		National 5: Listening	11:35 – 12:05		Modern Languages Rooms	
	Admin and IT	National 5: Question Paper	13:35 – 15:35 (plus 20 minutes printing time)	33	B Wing Computer Rooms	Pupils should take lunch from 13:00.

Date	Subject	Paper	Time	No.	Venue	Arrangements
Wednesday 25th November	Maths	National 5: Non-Calculator	08:50 – 09:50	156	Assembly Hall	Pupils should have their break after paper 1, before heading back to their exam venue for paper 2. Pupils should return to class at the start of period 5
		National 5: Calculator	10:20 – 11:50			
	Graphic Communication	National 5	13:35 – 15:35	40	Assembly Hall	Pupils should take lunch from 13:00

Date	Subject	Paper	Time	No.	Venue	Arrangements
Thursday 26th November	Physics	National 5	08:50 – 10:50	90	Assembly Hall	Pupils should have their break from 10:50. Pupils should then follow their timetable for the remainder of the day.
	Geography	National 5	13:15 – 15:35	50	Assembly Hall	Pupils should take lunch during period 5. Pupils can bring a ruler and calculator.

Date	Subject	Paper	Time	No.	Venue	Arrangements
Friday 27th November	Art and Design	National 5	08:50 – 10:10	79	Assembly Hall	Pupils should follow their timetable from period 3.
	Coincident Exams		TBC		Assembly Hall	Pupils will be directed accordingly in advance.