

# Prepare to Pass @Braes

## Helping your child prepare for exams

It is important that young people are supported at home and school to prepare them well for prelim exams and other internal assessments as well as external SQA exams. The type of support required may depend upon the way the course is assessed, for example, assignments; case study; practical activity; performance; portfolio; project; question paper/test.

Regular attendance throughout the year will help to ensure that young people keep up with course work and any home learning which has been set to consolidate classwork. If they do fall behind, through illness perhaps, do speak to the school about any support which can help them catch up.

Talking to your child to reassure and encourage them and taking an interest in what they are doing will help them get through what can be a stressful time and will help them to do their best.

## What support is on offer in school?

### ➤ Supported Study

An extensive programme of supported study classes across a range of subjects has been running since August. Staff have been running classes at the end of the school day and this information has been shared with young people in class and at assemblies. If pupils are in need of extra support they should speak to their class teacher in the first instance.

### ➤ Study Cafes

In consultation with pupils, we are going to continue to run our Study Cafes slightly differently this session. Study Cafes will

- ✓ be open to all year groups
- ✓ will be supported by our Braes Brains peer mentors who will support students as required
- ✓ run on a Monday evening from 3-4pm in the library
- ✓ refreshments and snacks will be provided

### ➤ Braes Brains – Peer Tutoring

Our Braes Brains Peer Tutors offers one-to-one support with coursework and homework tasks as well as tips, tricks and advice to help with studying. All our Braes Brains have been recommended by subject teachers having achieved success in SQA qualifications and demonstrated a positive work ethic in their subjects. Pupils can request one to one support sessions from a *Braes Brains* by speaking to their class teacher, Pastoral Head or Ms Taylor in the Drama Department.

### ➤ Mentoring

As we approach more formal assessment times, we are planning to offer a mentoring programme to give pupils one-to-one support from subject specialist staff. Mentoring time would be planned and would provide targeted support for individuals.

### ➤ Easter School

We hope to offer our usual, intensive subject specific exam preparation in the lead up to the SQA exam diet and will provide more information nearer the time. At present, the proposed dates for Easter School are **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2023**

There will be three sessions running each day:

Session 1 : 0855 – 1035      Session 2 : 1050 – 1230      Session 3 : 1315 – 1455

Pupils will be asked to sign up to sessions in advance so that staff can plan for the groups attending.

### ➤ Stress Workshops

Our Pastoral team work closely with pupils and are aware some find it very stressful in the lead up to exams. We will be running workshops to help pupils develop strategies to minimise their stress/anxiety levels in the lead up to the exam diet.

### ➤ Online Supports

<https://e-sgoil.co/study-support> Pupils can register for real time Study Support webinars beginning on 6<sup>th</sup> Sept 2021. These sessions are available to all students across Scotland and cover a wide range of subjects.

<https://scholar.hw.ac.uk> Scholar has been created specifically for Scottish students and is invaluable support for Nat 5, Higher and Advanced Higher courses across the curriculum. Pupils have a password to access these courses.





## Prepare to PASS Support Sessions for Braes' Pupils



In addition to the targeted subject support on offer, we will also be running Study Cafes on Mondays after school (3.00-4.00pm) in the library for all year groups. Refreshments and snacks will be available and Braes Brains peer mentors will be on hand to support.

Monday				
SUBJECT	LEVEL	TEACHER	DELIVERY	TIME
Art & Design	N4/N5/H	Corsie/Macleod	In person support	3pm-4pm
Chemistry	All	Mrs Kinloch	In Person	2.50 – 3.50
Tuesday				
SUBJECT	LEVEL	TEACHER	DELIVERY	TIME
Engineering Science	N5 / H	Mr Tate	In person	Lunchtime
Biology	All	Dr Quinlan	In person	3.45-4.30
History	N5/H	Mrs Jones	In person - 325	After school
Art & Design	N4/N5/H	Corsie/Macleod/Bennett	Open door drop in	lunchtimes
Wednesday				
SUBJECT	LEVEL	TEACHER	DELIVERY	TIME
Admin & IT	N5 / H	Mrs Shaw	In person	Lunchtime
Business Management	N5	Mrs Buchanan	In person	Lunchtime
Art & Design	N4/N5/H	Corsie/Bennett	Open door drop in	lunchtimes
Geography	N5/H	Mr Bell	In person - 302	After school
History	N5/H	Miss Godfrey	In person - 324	After school
RMPS	H	Dr Wilson-McCaw	In person - 218	After school
Biology	All	Dr Quinlan	In person	8.20-8.55
Physics	All	Mr McLean	In person	2.50-3.50
Biology	N5	Dr Stein	In person	2.50-3.50
Thursday				
SUBJECT	LEVEL	TEACHER	DELIVERY	TIME
Music Technology	N4/N5/H	Mr Morris	In person	3.45-4.30pm
Art & Design	N4/N5/H	Corsie/Macleod/Bennett	Open door drop in	lunchtimes
History	N5/H	Miss Godfrey	In person - 324	After school
History	N5	Miss Graham	In person - 326	After school
History/Modern Studies	N5	Miss Graham	In person - 326	Lunch
Modern Studies	N5	Miss Beattie	In person - 323	After school
Modern Studies	H	Miss Binnie	In person - 301	After school
RMPS	N5	Dr Wilson-McCaw	In person - 218	After school
Physics	All	Mrs Sneddon	In Person	3.45-4.45
Other				
SUBJECT	LEVEL	TEACHER	DELIVERY	TIME
Art & Design	N4/N5/H	Corsie/Macleod/Bennett	Open door drop in	lunchtimes
Biology	All	Miss Mackie	In Person	8.00 – 8.55

### Targeted Higher Maths Sessions – all years

*In response to pupil consultation, the Maths department are offering targeted supported study on various nights in the week to allow as many pupils to attend as possible.  
The department share this information on a weekly basis through Teams and Twitter.*

