KELSO HIGH SCHOOL

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December 2022

Dear Parent / Carer,

S4, S5 and S6 Formal Assessments 2023

Formal Assessments for our S4, S5 and S6 pupils run from Wednesday 11th January until Friday 27th January 2023. The purpose of these is to give our pupils the opportunity to practise sitting exams in conditions as near as we can make them to those of the external exams which will be held in April and May 2023, to inform estimate grades for submission to the Scottish Qualifications Authority and to provide evidence which the school will be required to submit if a pupil is ill on the day of an exam or has a valid case for exceptional circumstances consideration.

Given the importance of these exams, adequate time must be allocated to revision. We are, therefore, offering the opportunity of study leave for the first section of the assessment period.

General study leave will run from Wednesday 11th January until Friday 20th January and during this period pupils are only required to attend school to sit their examinations. To maximise contact time with teachers, from **Monday 23rd January** until **Friday 27th January** pupils should attend all classes unless they have an exam.

If they wish to come into school to study S5/6 pupils are welcome to use the school library or flexi space and S4 pupils are welcome to use the canteen area. Pupils are also able to make appointments to see class teachers for help if required. We would ask that pupils are wearing school uniform when they are in school and sign in and out of the building.

If pupils are coming in to school to study, we would ask that they arrive at the start of the day and / or lunchtime in order to minimise disruption to the office.

Please note that individual arrangements may be made for those pupils who have very few / no exams. This is an ideal time to catch up with any missed assessments and pupils may be asked to attend school to complete these.

May I take this opportunity to wish your youngster every success in the exams and to give the assurance that, if they should experience any problems during the exam period, help will always be available.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Wilson
Depute Head Teacher