Kelso High School Presentation Policy 2026-27

Learner Summary

What is a Presentation Decision?

A presentation decision is the level at which you will be entered for your qualifications. The aim is to ensure that you are working at the level that offers both appropriate challenge and the best opportunity for success.

Presentation decisions are not based on one assessment, one piece of work or your prelim result alone. Your teachers will consider a range of evidence gathered throughout the year.

How Will My Teachers Decide?

Your teachers will look at:

- Your classwork and assessments
- Coursework and assignments
- Tracking information
- Preliminary examination results
- Your effort, engagement and attendance
- Your progress over time
- Your future plans and aspirations

The evidence collected throughout the year helps staff make the best decision for you.

Your Role

You are expected to:

✅ Attend lessons regularly

✅ Complete all classwork, homework and coursework on time

✅ Remain fully engaged with your courses and continue working towards course completion, even if you find aspects of a course challenging

- ✅ Complete all assessment tasks and evidence required throughout the course
- ✅ Attend supported study and intervention sessions when appropriate
- ✅ Prepare thoroughly for assessments and preliminary examinations
- ✅ Discuss your progress honestly with your teachers and act on feedback provided
- ✅ Take ownership of your learning, effort and attainment

Course Completion Matters

At Kelso High School, we expect all learners to fully engage with and complete their courses wherever possible.

Presentation decisions are made to help you achieve success, not to lower expectations. In some circumstances, a change of level may be considered if it is in your best interests. However, all learners are expected to continue working positively towards achieving a qualification and making the most of every learning opportunity available to them.

Completing your course gives you the best opportunity to:

- Achieve a qualification.
- Develop knowledge and skills for future learning, training or employment.
- Demonstrate resilience, commitment and independence.
- Maximise your attainment and achievement.
- Be well prepared for your next stage in learning, training or employment.

If You Are Finding a Course Difficult

If concerns arise about your progress, staff will work with you to provide support before considering any change of level.

This may include:

- Learning conversations with your teacher
- Additional support and guidance
- Supported study opportunities
- Review of targets and progress
- Engagement with parents/carers where appropriate

Our goal is always to help you achieve success.

Important Dates

Date	Activity
6 November 2026	Tracking Window 1 completed
11-27 January 2027	Preliminary Examinations
February 2027	Presentation Level Review Meetings
26 February 2027	Tracking Window 2 completed
February-March 2027	Final Presentation Decisions

Key Messages

- Presentation decisions are reviewed throughout the year.
- Teachers use a range of evidence when making recommendations.
- Preliminary examination results are important but are only one part of the evidence considered.
- You will have opportunities to discuss your progress and next steps with staff.
- You are expected to engage fully with your courses and work towards successful course completion.
- Presentation decisions are designed to support success while maintaining high expectations and appropriate challenge for every learner.

Our Commitment

At Kelso High School, we want every learner to achieve their full potential. Presentation decisions are made carefully, fairly and using a range of evidence to ensure that every young person is supported to achieve the best possible outcomes and move successfully to their next destination.