

S4 Assessment Calendar

Previously, learners in secondary schools started their Standard Grades in S3 and studied them over two years. Now, learners will begin studying for the new Nationals at the start of S4, and they will study them for the duration of one year.

At National 4, there are no formal external exams; however, learners will be assessed throughout the year by their teacher using SQA assessments.

We have compiled the following calendar of proposed dates, for Added Value Units and Assignments, to support young people through internal assessments at both National 4 and 5. The dates are guidelines which should help young people cope with the demands of the internal course work. Hopefully it will also allow you to support young people when managing deadlines.

National 4 – At National, learners must pass all the units of the course, including an Added Value Unit. For the Added Value Unit, learners work is marked internally by the school. This provides the basis for assessing the course.

Subjects	Month
Maths (for N5 pupils)	June
	August
Administration and IT Business Management	September
Geography	October
Art and Design	November
Maths	December
Biology PE English Modern Studies	January
English Computing Science RMPS Health and Food Technology	February
PE Physics Chemistry Art and Design English Spanish Practical Metal Work History	March
Music Design and Manufacture Graphic Communication	April

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National 5 –

The majority of National 5 subjects have a final exam and an internally assessed Assignment. The Assignment is worth a percentage of the overall grade. Monthly Assessment dates and the percentages available are detailed below. At National 5, exams remain an important part of the system, but for the majority of subjects there is now more emphasis on coursework and assignments. These Assignments often make up a substantial percentage of the overall mark.

Subject	What Assignment is worth of final mark	Month
		September
		October
Art and Design (Expression)	80%	November
Health and Food Technology	50%	
English (2 drafts by December)	30%	December
Geography	25%	
RMPS	25%	
Biology	25%	
French	30%	
Business Management	25%	January
Modern Studies	25%	
Music	60%	February
Computing Science	40%	
English (Final Submission)	30%	
RMPS	25%	
PE Performance	60%	March
PE Portfolio	40%	
Spanish	30%	
Art and Design (Design)	80%	
Practical Metalwork	100%	
History	25%	
Physics	20%	
Chemistry	20%	
Design and Manufacture	60%	April
Graphic Communication	50%	
Administration and IT	100%	