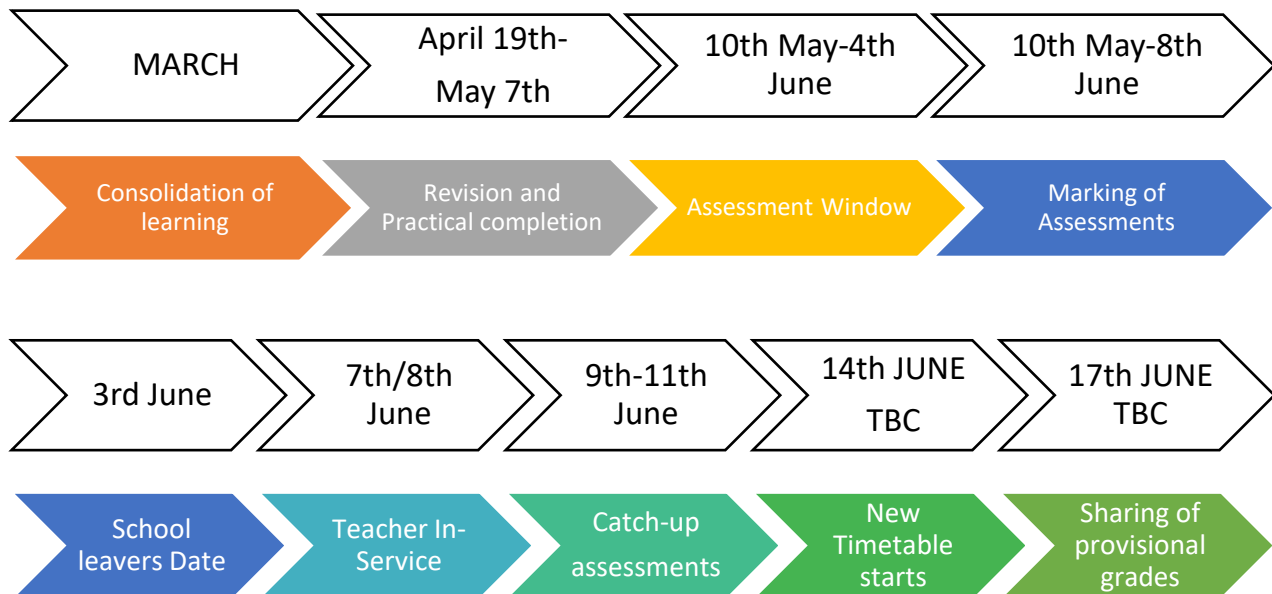




## Updated Draft Plan for the SQA Alternative Curriculum Model

Please find below the updated plan for after the SQA assessment windows/timetable changes, etc.



- **19<sup>th</sup>-April-7<sup>th</sup> May-** Pupils will be in classes to complete any coursework, consolidate their learning, and ensure adequate revision, with support from teaching staff in their normal timetabled classes. This will enable teachers to continue to provide feedback to learners on progress. There may be opportunities for practice assessments in this period.
- **Practical assessments-** Technology practical activities should be completed by 30<sup>th</sup> April, creative practical activities should be completed by 7<sup>th</sup> May. (with exception of AH ART, to be completed by 28<sup>th</sup> May).
- **Final assessment window-** From 10<sup>th</sup> May-3<sup>rd</sup> June, each subject will gather and assess learner evidence, carrying out and recording decisions in line with internal quality assurance procedures. For subjects with large numbers of pupils, the assessments will take place in the hall (eg, English and Maths).

Most of the assessments will take place in the classroom, with in-class assessments taking place in the double periods of each column choice. For example, the “Column A” subject assessments will take place on a Monday period 4 & 5. We have provided 3 assessment times for each column, but individual subjects will have let pupils know of the exact timings of their assessments, and the way they will be assessed, e.g., the unit-by-unit

approach or an overall whole-course assessment. There will be three days at the end of the assessment window to be used as catch-up time for those pupils who were unable to do their assessments.

- **Additional assessment arrangements-** these will be in place for all students who require additional arrangements, such as readers, scribes, use of ICT, extra time, etc.
- **Quality assurance-** Our faculties will work with other schools around Scotland to carry out and engage in external quality assurance processes, so there is a consistency between grades across the centre and across the country, based on learner evidence. The school will continue to work with the local authority and SQA through final stages of quality assurance and feedback, to reach provisional results that are consistent, equitable and fair. Two days of in-service have been assigned for this task (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> June). The Senior Leadership team will then co-ordinate with Highland Council officers to check that all course and levels have been subject to the appropriate quality assurance processes.
- **Study leave-** There will be no official study leave, so pupils will continue to be in classes throughout this period. Teachers will be available to support them in their learning and revision during normal class times. We believe that this will give students the best opportunity to reach their potential in each subject.
- **School leavers-** Pupils who are leaving school should complete a leavers form, once all coursework and gathering of assessment evidence is complete. This should be completed after your final assessment, and by the 3<sup>rd</sup> June at the latest. Chromebooks (and blazers, if applicable) should be returned at this stage.
- **New school year-**The new timetable will begin on Monday 14th June 2021.
- **Release of provisional Grades-**The school will continue to provide ongoing assessment feedback to learners. Provisional grades based on the demonstrated evidence gathered will be issued by the school on the 17th JUNE. All learners will receive their final certificate from SQA (as usually happens) on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August.
- **SQA APPEALS-** The SQA Appeal process will go ahead during August 2021. I will share further details when we have them.

# MAY 2021 ASSESSMENT WINDOW- PORTREE HIGH SCHOOL



wb	Monday							Tuesday							Wednesday							Thursday							Friday					
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	
10th May		C									B								D				N5 English											E
17th May				A							B				H/AH English									C									E	
24th May				A							B								D				N5 Maths S4 Maths							Maths H /AH				
31st may				A				Maths Apps											D						C									E
7th June	IN SERVICE							IN SERVICE							catch-up assessment days																			

- LUNCH on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> May will be at 12:25 for ALL PUPILS TAKING AN ASSESSMENT.
- For doubles over P2/3, pupils should make arrangements with their teacher for a break at the end of the assessment (11:20) rather than to stop for a break halfway through.
- Timings of assessments for those with additional arrangements may also be varied to take these arrangements into account.

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