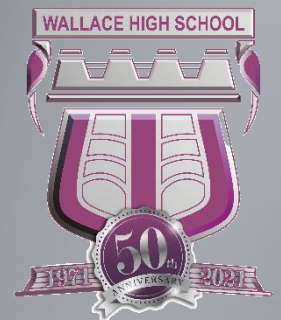


Wallace High School

S4 Nationals/Qualifications Information ~

August 2025



Supporting Students

Key Personnel:

- Mr Snedden: S4 DHT
- Mrs Spencer & Mr Gracie: Pupil Support Leader
- Fiona Lafferty: Skills Development Scotland
- Miss MacVicar: DYW/Pathways Lead
- Learning Support Team...

How do new courses compare to old?

SCQF	Previous Courses	New Courses	Progression
7	Advanced Higher	Advanced Higher (Revised)	Higher Education
6	Higher	Higher (Revised)	Advanced Higher (Revised) Higher/Further Education
5	Intermediate 2 Standard Grade Credit	National 5/National Progression Awards etc.	Higher (Revised) Further Education
4	Intermediate 1 Standard Grade General	National 4	National 5
3	Access 3	National 3	National 4
2	Access 2	National 2	National 3
1	Access 1	National 1	National 2

The Wallace Picture

- Current S4 pupils have selected ***up to seven*** Nationals/NPAs/ accredited courses and started these in May 2025
- In common with previous qualifications, absolutely final decisions about level of presentation will not be made until ***the latest possible stage to maximise positive presentation***
- This ensures maximum time for pupils to progress and perform at the ***highest level possible – they do not 'drop down' later in the year, we simply CONFIRM LEVELS LATER***
- On-going feedback about levels will be provided through: **Tracking Reports** and all usual Pupil Support and Faculty communications (letters, phone calls, meetings)
- Full course outlines, specifications & assessment arrangements, including specimen papers, past papers etc. are all available on the SQA Website.

Different Levels: Level 4 or 5?

- All units and courses from Levels 1–4 are internally assessed by teachers and moderated by the SQA
- The Added Value Unit at Nat 4 replaces an examination with a project-based assessment
- For Level 5 and above there will be a final examination in most National subjects (NPAs are more course-based)
- At Nat 5 pupils do not have to complete unit passes as part of their award.
- You can, however, also complete units at National 5 where there is a concern about final level ('borderline' Nat4/5)
- Courses from Nat 1 – 4 are simply graded pass or fail
- Courses at Nat 5 are graded A-D or 'No Award'
- D at National 5 is, generally, 40%-49%

Prelims & SQA Results Service

- Prelims are designed to provide a formative experience of exam conditions before the final exam.
- There will be a full Prelim diet in January, with study leave.
- There will also be individual subject Prelims at relevant points and opportunities for assessments under controlled conditions.
- The SQA moved away from evidence-based appeals some years ago.
- This session, SQA allowed pupils to directly submit an administration and 'marker-check', if they were disappointed with their result.
- We await SQA confirmation of any Appeals/marker check arrangements for the session ahead, but **all pupils should be aware of the core advantage of compiling on-going, accurate evidence of their *best* work.**
- If a pupil is unwell or cannot sit an examination due to circumstances beyond their control and Exceptional Circumstances consideration will be submitted and this does require valid assessment evidence to be submitted.

Additional Assessment Arrangements

- What are Additional Assessment Arrangements (AAA)?
- Evidence gathering – SQA requirements
- Confirmation of AAA

S4 Positive Influences and Supports

Through a variety of Health & Wellbeing sessions, assemblies and external partners we offer enhanced universal support in S4.

Supporting Attainment

- Study skills
- Live 'N' Learn
- Personal Study Plans
 - Individual needs
- Target Setting

Supporting Health and Wellbeing

- Time management/ managing stress/ positive mindset
- Sleep/nutrition/relaxation techniques
- Mental and emotional health
- Relationships and sexual health

Identifying Wider Skills

Self-management

Focusing



Integrity



Adapting



Initiative



Social intelligence

Communicating



Feeling



Collaborating



Leading



Innovation

Curiosity



Creativity



Sense-making



Critical thinking



Supporting Positive Destinations

- Learner Pathways
- Practical support – MYWOW
- Skills Development Scotland

Pupil Support Leaders

Mrs Spencer & Mr Gracie

Pastoral Support of S4

1st point of contact

- Any concerns / questions please call and ask for the relevant PT Pupil Support

Supporting and monitoring the young people

- Class teachers
- Tracking
- Interviews

Support with the pressures of S4

- Health and Wellbeing
- Mental and emotional health

Appropriate levelling and confirming presentation levels

Ensuring the best for all young people in S4

Supported Study

- Departments
- Study Cafés
- Google Classroom
- LRC
- Online Resources
- BBC Bitesize
- We aim to publish a full study programme to begin post-October this session