S4,5,6
How to Pass your Qualifications



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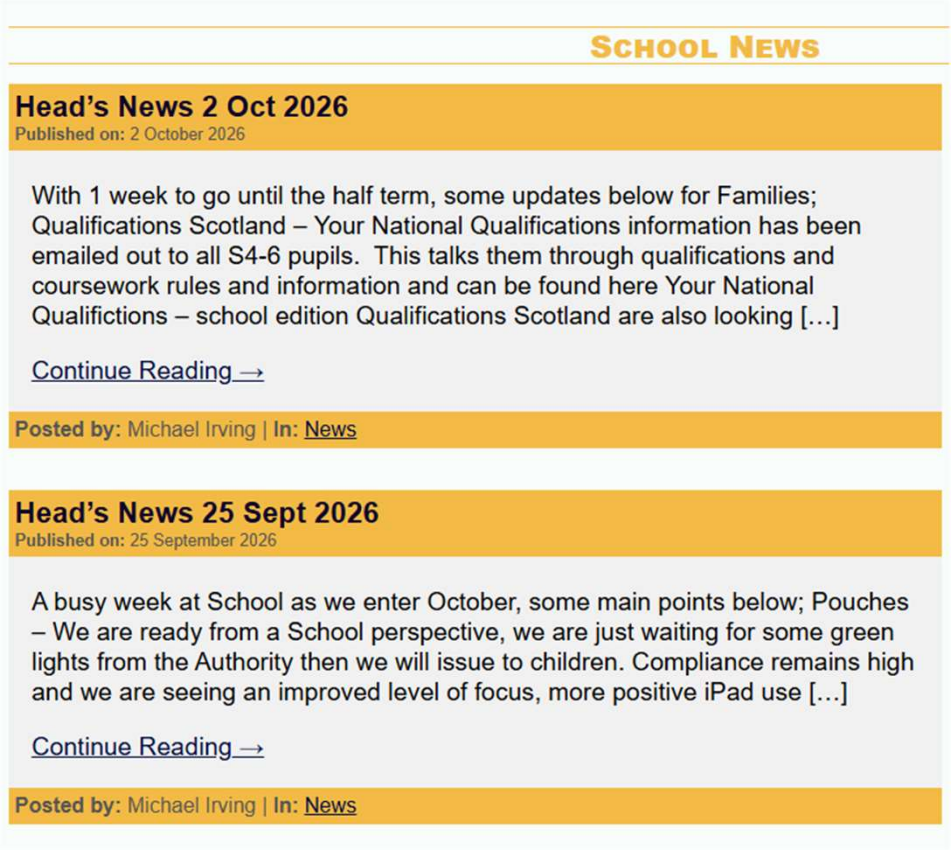
- Thank you for coming along.

Learning Intention:

- To help you support your child through their National Qualifications
- To allow us to work together as a School and Home / Family
- To help develop your understanding of the Scottish system (Qualifications Scotland)

Keep updated





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CALENDAR WITH DATES

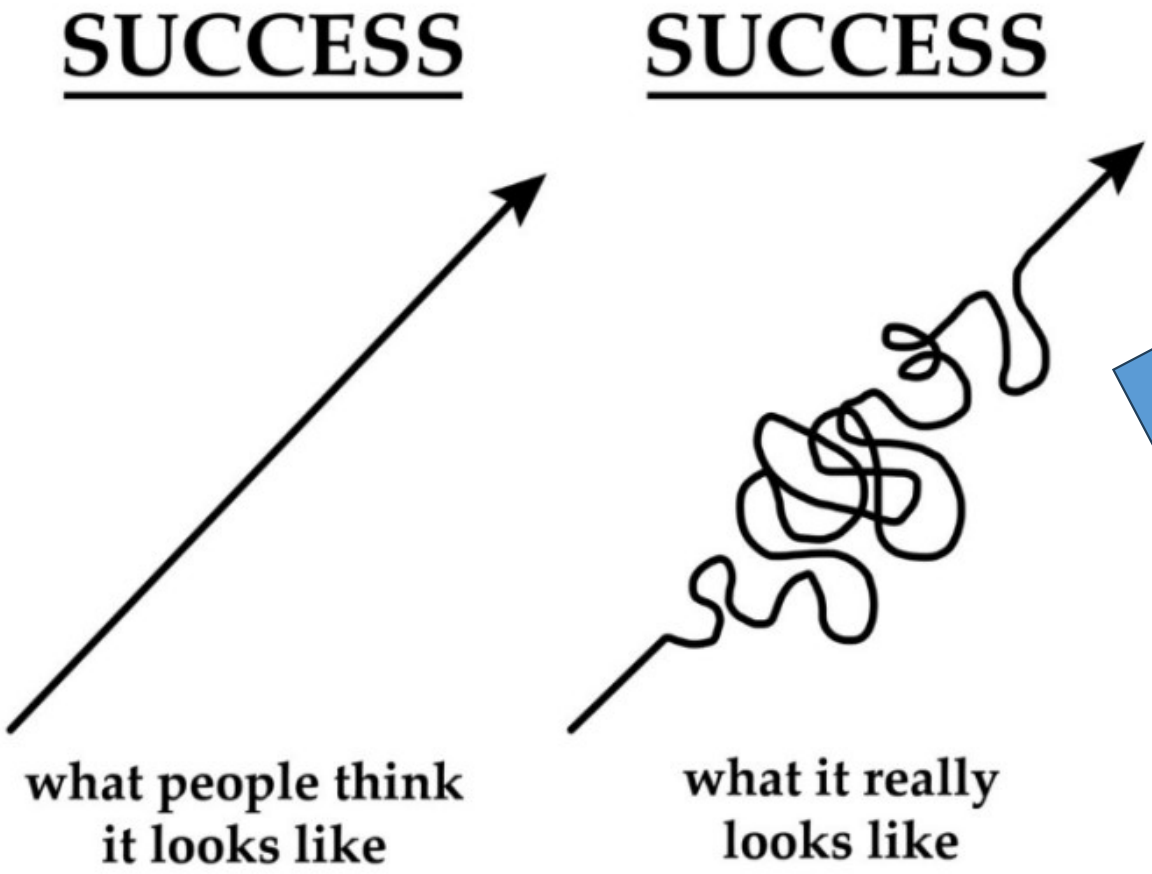
Our Values….Day in day out

-Equalities and Inclusion
-LGBT+
-Sustainability
-Health & Wellbeing
-Restorative
-Curriculum Pathways
-Key Adult



-Sticking with it
-Resilience
-Growth mindset

Qualifications Scotland
Positive Destinations
Wider Achievement

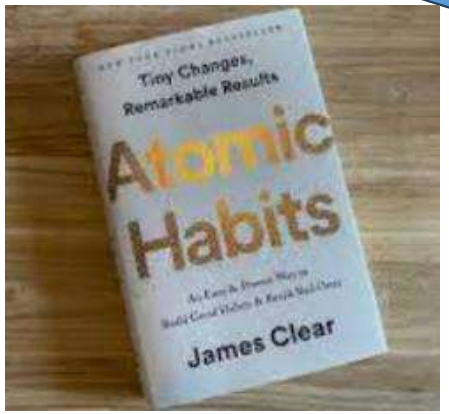


RESPECT DIVERSITY HONESTY FAIRNESS

PERSEVERE

SUCCESS IN LEARNING FOR ALL

PROCESSES AND GOOD HABITS ARE VITAL!



Our youngsters do well….deservedly

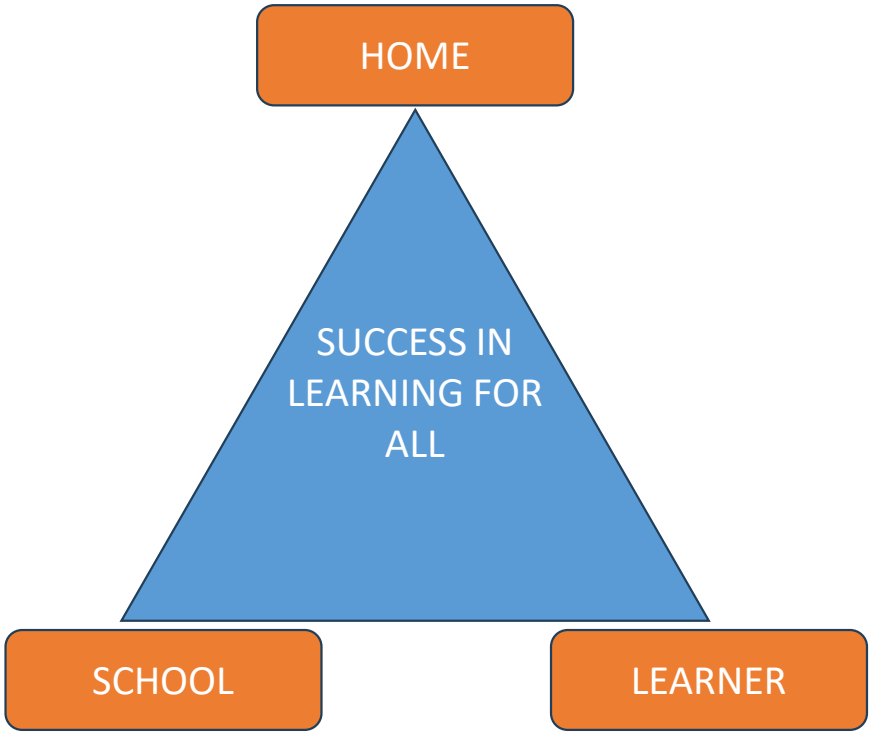


LEARNERS LEAVE LEITH ACADEMY WITH POSITIVE LIT / NUM OUTCOMES

The link is crucial!

Education Endowment Foundation





Signposting is the aim

- We want to help you, help your children
- Provide quick, easy, simple links to support
- Keep communication open throughout the year to help supportive conversations = improved outcomes



Qualifications Scotland

- **National 1,2,3,4**
- Some internal units (2 or 3) to help assess learning
- Internal Added Value Unit
- Some work marked by Leith Academy staff: folios, practical work, performances, portfolios
- No final exam required: pass or fail



Qualifications Scotland

- **National 5 / Higher / Advanced Higher**
- Some work marked by Leith Academy staff: folios, practical work, performances, portfolios
- Some work sent to SQA to be marked: folios, dissertations, art work
- An exam, in most subjects

- **Level 5 and 6 NPAs, Skills for Work, Awards**
- No exam, all work is made up of units to be marked: folios, practical work, performances, portfolios

Key Dates

- 1st Tracking Report – received this week

- IN PERSON Parents' Evenings coming up – progress check, target setting

(29th October Anderson/Barton and 12th November Cowan/Port)

- Prelim Window 1: 30th November – 11th December
- Prelims are not there to catch youngsters out
- Prelims should allow Pupils to know strengths…and areas to improve

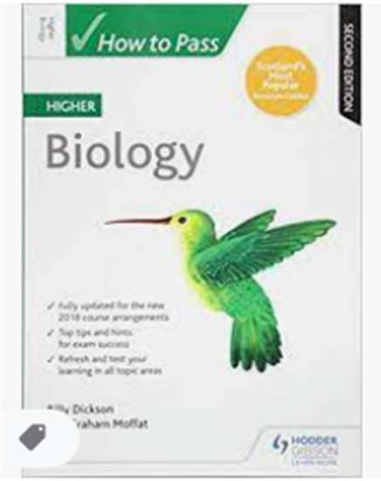
- Qualifications Scotland 2027 Exam timetable is available here National Qualifications 2027 Exam Timetable
- Exams will run from 26th April – 2nd June (with the 3rd June as a contingency day).

Live N Learn Session

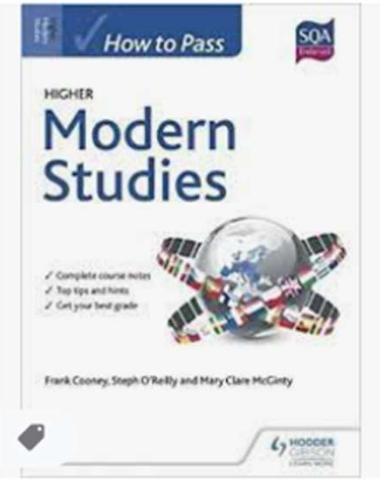
- Session for all S4 Pupils around mindset, aspiration, being positive, study techniques

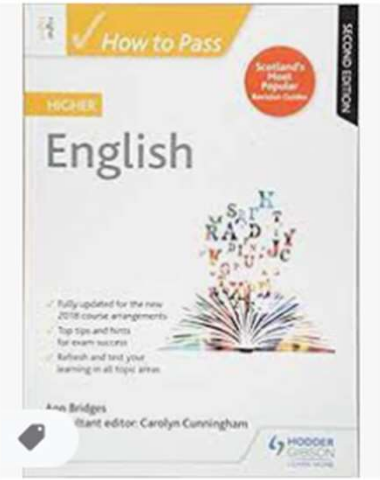
How to Pass Guides

Available to borrow
Sign-out from Jen (Library)









MONDAY

5pm	Maths	N5
	Health & Food Technology	N5/H
6pm	Maths	N4
	Business Management	N5
	Practical Cookery	N5
	RMPS	N5/H
	Human Biology	H
	Politics	H
	Physics	H
	Physics	AH
7pm	Modern Studies	N5
	Applications of Maths	H
	Biology	H
	Computing Science	H

TUESDAY

5pm	Music	N5
	English (1)	N5
	Maths	H
6pm	Spanish	N5
	Design & Manufacture	N5/H
	Business Management	H
	Music	H
	Maths	AH
7pm	English (2)	N5
	English	AH

THURSDAY

5pm	English	N4
	Applications of Maths	N5
	German	N5
	Art & Design	N5
6pm	Biology	N5
	Physics	N5
	Art & Design	H
	Chemistry	H
	German	H
	Biology	AH
7pm	Admin & IT	N5
	Computing Science	N5
	Graphic Communication	N5
	Modern Studies	H
	Physical Education	H

WEDNESDAY

5pm	French	N5
	Engineering Science	N5
	Gaelic	N5/H
	Geography	H
	Spanish	H
	Graphic Communication	H
	History	AH
6pm	Geography	N5
	History	N5
	Engineering Science	H
	French	H
	English	H
7pm	Chemistry	N5
	Gàidhlig	N5/H
	History	H
	Admin & IT	H
	Chemistry	AH

Study Support

e-sgoil

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National e-Learning Offer

BBC Bitesize

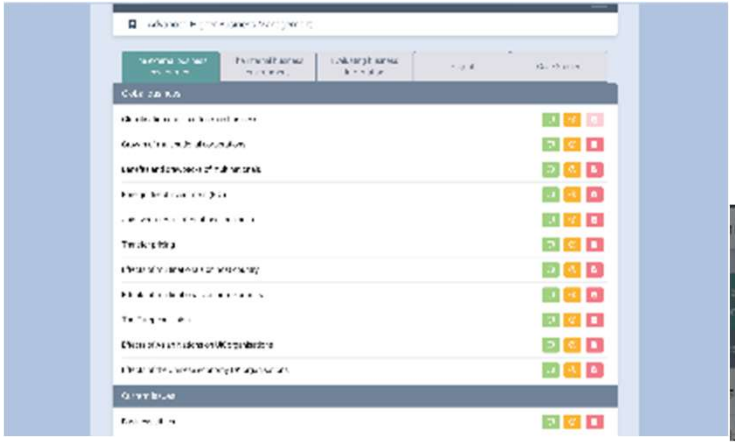
- **It has clear explanations- it's broken down into simple and straightforward explanations.**
- **It includes quizzes usually after each topic.**
- **It's interactive – images, videos, step by step breakdowns.**
- **It's good for quick revision.**
- **Accessible anywhere and is free to use**

Hannah

Time to hear from the Pupils

Kyrylo

Achieve







Achieve provides a wide range of learning materials, covering almost every subject. It provides explanations and knowledge points for different units in accordance with the QS specification.

It also links the relevant past paper questions next to each units and topics.

Achieve also provides a range of questions for self assessment.

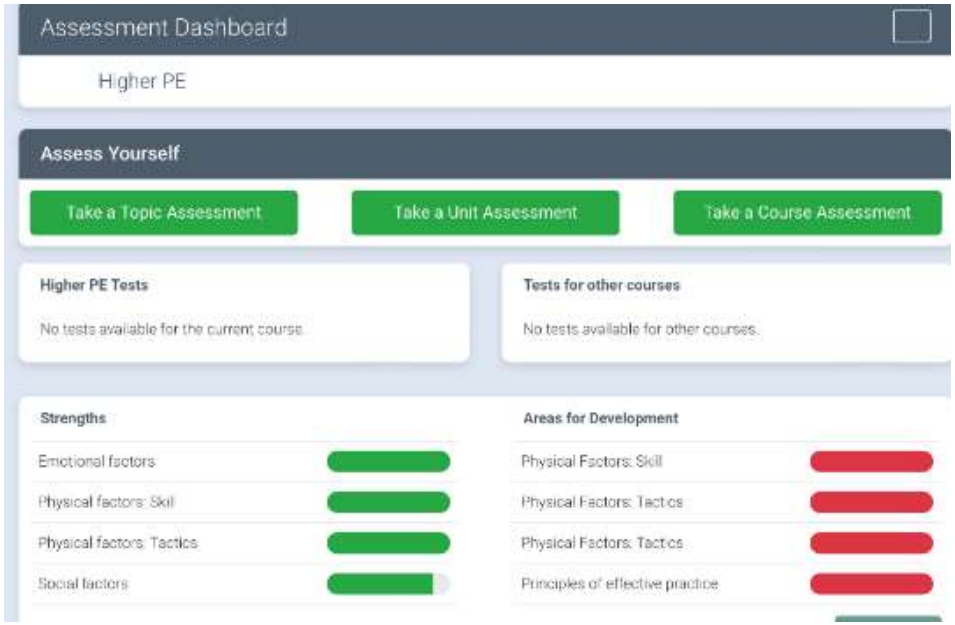
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Unit summary allows the pupil to evaluate and rank their understanding of each topic.

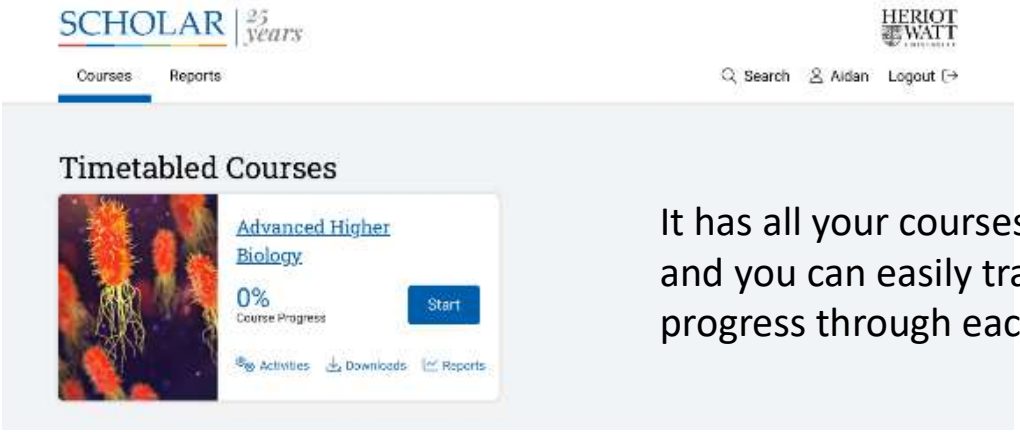


Assessment Dashboard allows to identify strengths and weaknesses to develop strategies that would help improve further.



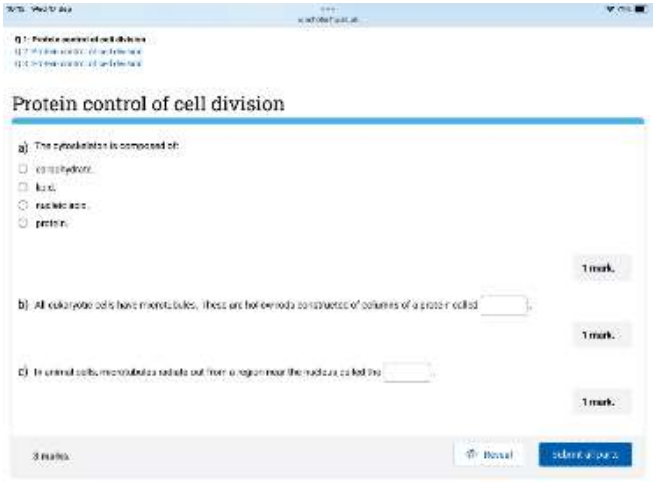
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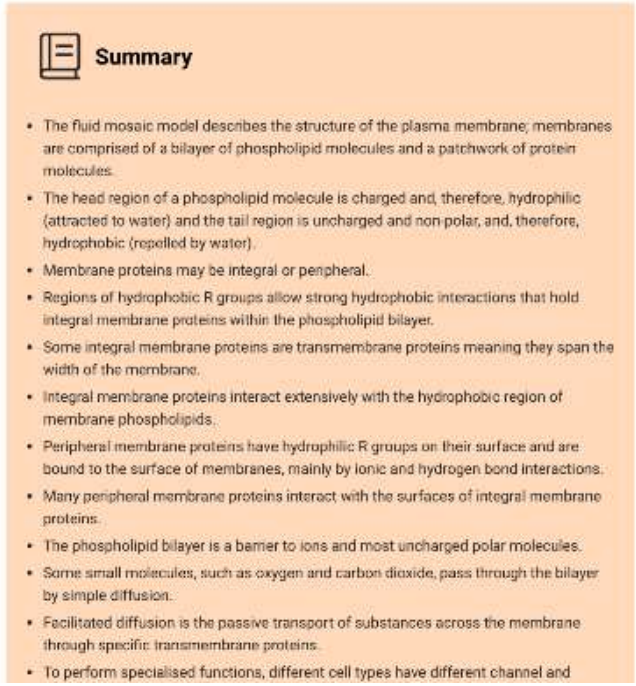


It has all your courses in one place and you can easily track your progress through each course.

It has clear summary notes for every course, taken directly from the course specifications.

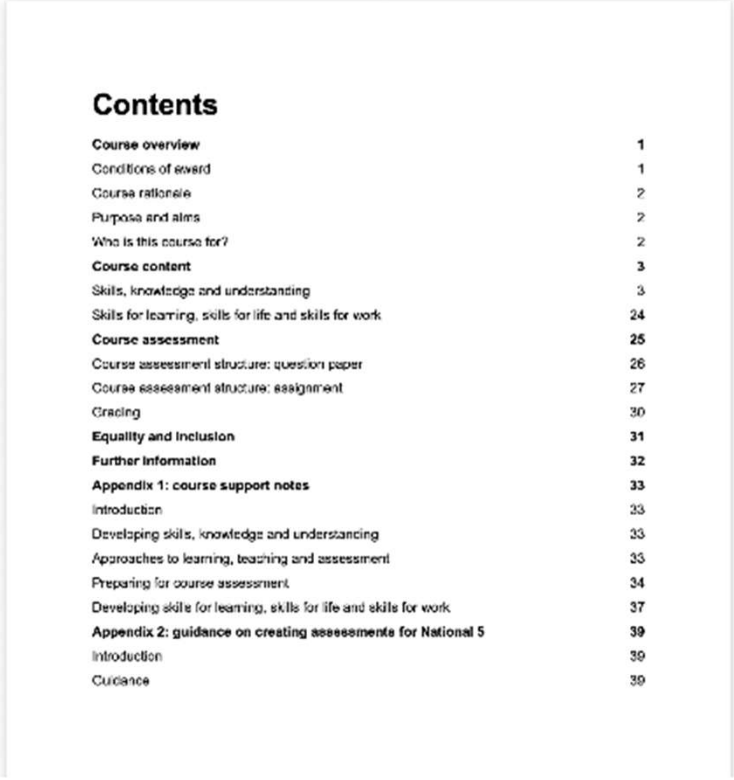


It has a mini test for every key area of your course which is a great way to test yourselves with exam style questions.



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Qual Scot course specification



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- **Qual Scot course specification** provides detailed, mandatory information about a specific Qualifications Scotland course and its assessment. This can be used to identify relevant topics which are certain to appear.

Section 1: Historical Study: Scottish	
Part 1: The Wars of Independence, 1286–1328	
A study of the development of national identity and consciousness through the Anglo-Scottish wars of the 13th and 14th centuries, illustrating the themes of authority, conflict and identity.	
Key issues	**Description of content**
The succession problem, 1286–1292	Scotland 1286–92: the succession problem following the death of Alexander III; the Scottish response — Treaty of Birgham; the death of the Maid of Norway; the Scottish appeal to Edward I — the decision at Norham; Bruce versus Balliol, the Great Cause and Edward's choice.
Balliol and Edward I 1292–1296	Edward as overlord of Scotland; the Scottish response; the Anglo-French war and the Franco-Scottish Treaty; the subjugation of Scotland; the sack of Berwick; the defeat of Balliol; the imposition of Edward's authority.
William Wallace, 1296–1305	William Wallace: the reasons for and the progress of his rebellion; his victory at Stirling and its effects on Scots and on Scotland; Wallace as Guardian; the battle of Falkirk and the reasons for its failure; impact of the defeat.
Robert Bruce, 1306–1328	Robert Bruce: the ambitions of the Bruces; Robert's conflict with and victory over Scottish opponents; his victory over the English including at Bannockburn; reasons for his success; Declaration of Arbroath — the Treaty of Edinburgh-Northampton, 1328.

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Flash cards

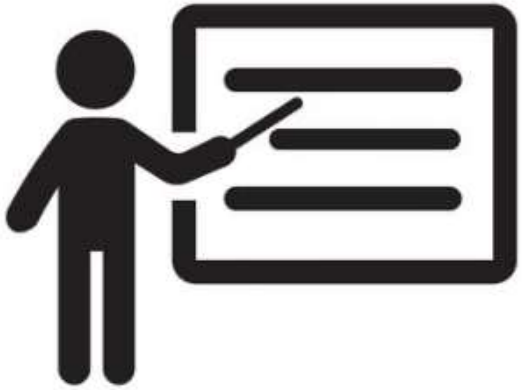
- Information from course specification can be also used to create flash cards. They are effective for revision and memorising because they force your brain to practice active recall, which strengthens memory pathways much better than simply re-reading notes.



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Blurting



Teaching others

Physical forms

Flash cards



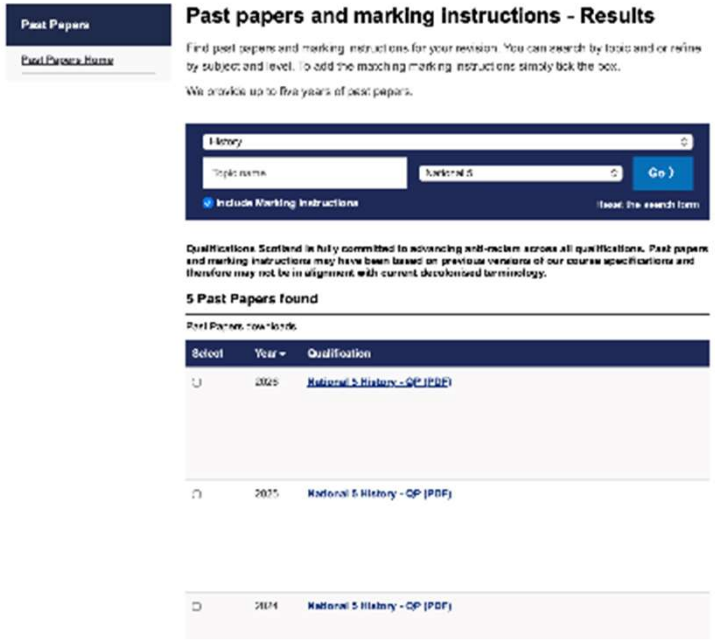
Mind-maps

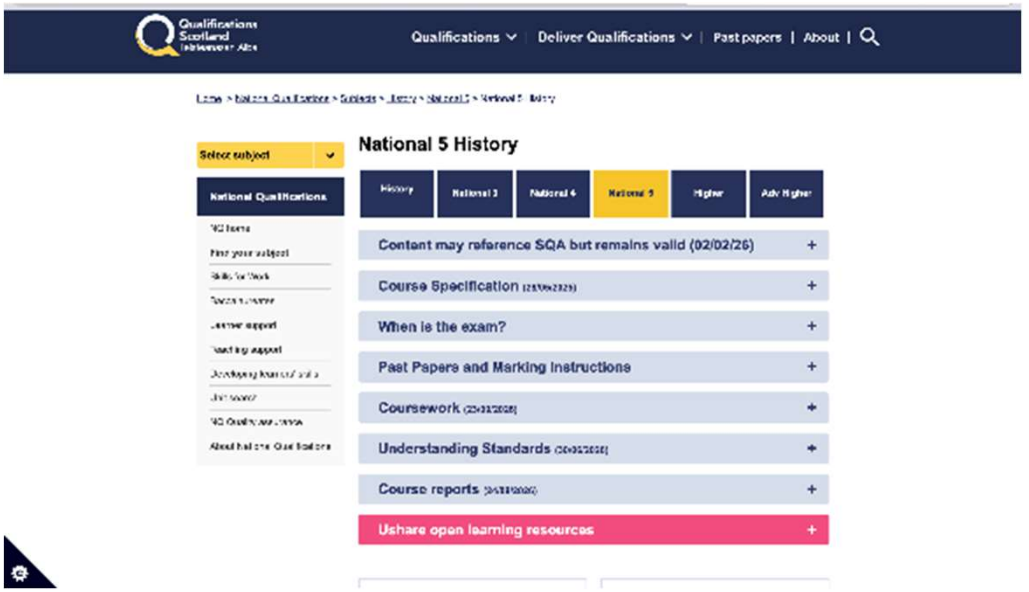


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Course overview and past paper questions

- Course overview can be used to further explore the subject for a better understanding of the way it is assessed. The official past paper section gives the questions from previous years.





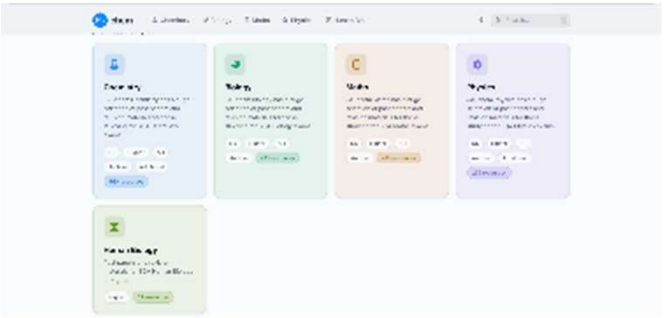
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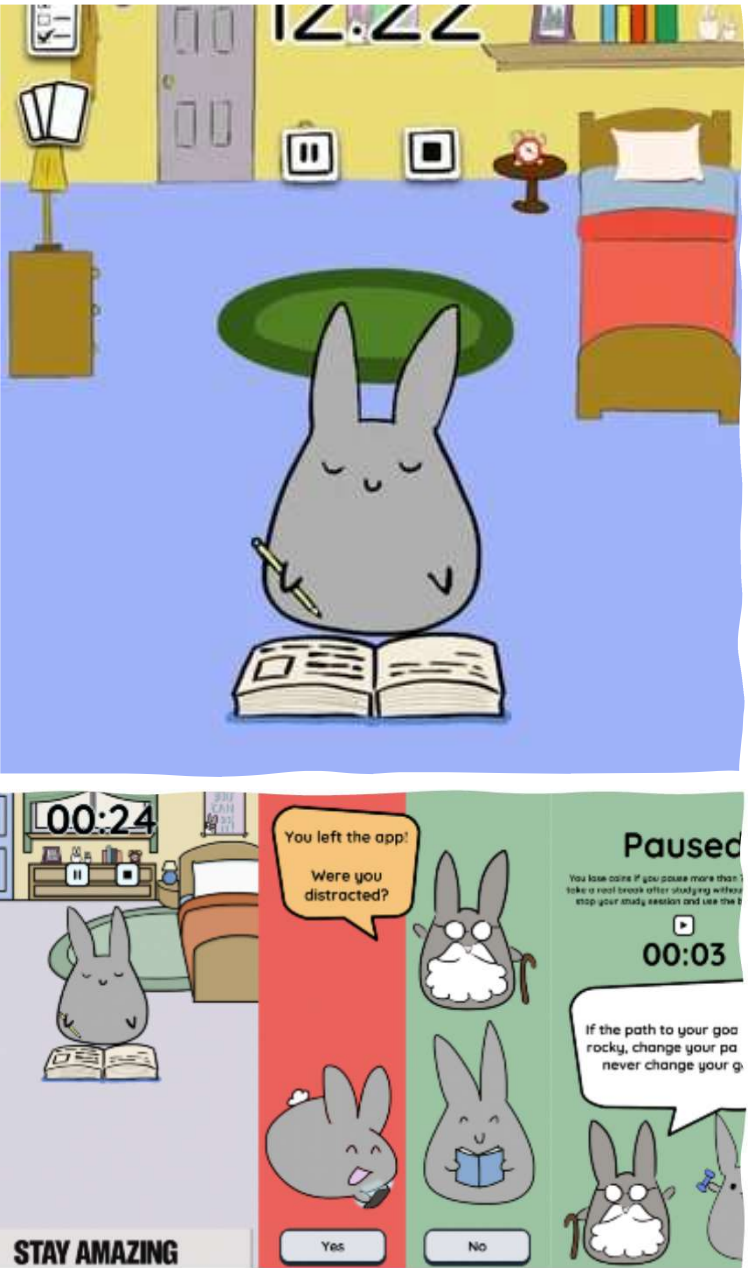
Additional past paper resources

- Additional sources of earlier past papers.









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Apps to track studying

- StudyBunny is an app that can be used to track how much you're studying every day for each subject. It helps you visualize and manage your study or work sessions through a gamified experience. This allows to turn studying into something fun, rather than something boring.
- There are many other similar apps.

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Supported Study

- They are run by each department at lunchtime or after school
- It's not run like a lesson, it's self-led
- I would advise all year round, **consistency is key**
- Perfect for subjects you find slightly more challenging
- They allow you to have access to a teacher to ask questions to when confused
- Great for motivation
- Bring your friends along and help each other out.

General advice

- Start earlier than you think you should.
- Stay on course throughout the year, the prelims start in November, Assignments in February and the exams in April.
- Understand the marking standard and revise as much as possible.

Make it visible…





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SUCCESS IN LEARNING FOR ALL

It takes a village – Our Partners

- We can't achieve just as a School
- We need Families, Partners, Communities

Skills Development Scotland

Pupils can make an appointment to see Giles, our Careers Advisor.

Skills Development Scotland

LGBT

Family Learning

Qualifications Scotland

getting it right for every child

DYW Edinburgh, Midlothian & East Lothian Developing the Young Workforce

Edinburgh College

‘Break out’ opportunity

Move round the stalls

Speak to subject teachers and Prefects