

JAMES YOUNG HIGH SCHOOL – SENIOR PHASE KEY ASSIGNMENT DATES

The table below provides a summary of the SQA Assignments and final exam that pupils will be expected to complete at various times throughout the year.

It is important that your child has completed all aspects of preparation for these assignments and are present for final write-up or meet the submission date given. As can be seen from the below tables, there is a large weighting attributed to this coursework, which accounts towards their final grades.

ENGLISH AND RMPS FACULTY

SQA Assessment Activity		Percentage of Final Grade	Date for Final Write Up/Submission date – <i>before being sent to SQA for marking</i>	FINAL EXAM
English National 5	Submission of portfolio essay	30%	w/b 26 January 2026	Thursday 30 April 2026 RUAE: 9 am – 10 am Critical Reading: 10.30 am – 12 noon
English Higher	Submission of portfolio essay	30%	w/b 26 January 2026	Friday 1 May 2026 RUAE: 9 am – 10 am Critical Reading: 11 am – 12.45 pm
English Advanced Higher	Submission of dissertation	30%	1 st draft 26 January 2026 Final draft 23 March 2026	Thursday 30 April 2026 Literary Study: 1 pm – 2.30 pm Textual Analysis: 3 pm – 4.30 pm
English Advanced Higher	Submission of portfolio	30%	Final draft 26 January 2026	
Media National 5	Submission of assignment	50%	End of February 2026	Wednesday 29 April 2026 12.30 pm – 2.30 pm
Media Higher	Submission of assignment	50%	Evaluation of film 28 January 2026 Editing of film to be complete by 3 February 2026 Assignment completed by 26 February 2026	Wednesday 29 April 2026 Paper 1: 12.30 pm – 2.15 pm Paper 2: 2.45 pm – 3.45 pm
RMPS National 5	Assignment – final write up	20%	Mrs Verth's class - 29 January 2026. Mrs Richardson-Winter's class – 4 March 2026 Dr Yannis' class – 25 February 2026	Monday 11 May 2026 9 am – 11.20 am
RMPS Higher	Assignment – final write up	33%	Mrs Verth's class - 28 January 2026 Dr Yannis' class – 5 February 2026	Monday 11 May 2026 Paper 1: 9 am – 11.15 am Paper 2: 11.45 am – 12.30 pm

MATHS AND PHYSICS FACULTY

SQA Assessment Activity		Percentage of Final Grade	Date for Final Write Up/Submission date – <i>before being sent to SQA for marking</i>	FINAL EXAM
Application of Maths	National 5	N/A	No assignment	Friday 15 May 2026 Paper 1: 9 am – 9.50 am Paper 2: 10.30 am – 12.10 pm
Application of Maths	Higher	27%	The assignment runs for 8 hours, is open-book, and is a personal project. There will be a series of interim check-in dates set by the class teacher. The final in-class submission date will be 26 March 2026.	Friday 15 May 2026 1 pm – 3.05 pm
Maths	National 5	N/A	No assignment	Friday 8 May 2026 Paper 1: 9 am – 10.15 am Paper 2: 10.45 am – 12.15 pm
Maths	Higher	N/A	No assignment	Thursday 7 May 2026 Paper 1: 9 am – 10 am Paper 2: 10.30 am – 12.00 pm
Maths	Advanced Higher	N/A	No assignment	Thursday 7 May 2026 Paper 1: 9 am – 10 am Paper 2: 10.30 am – 1 pm
Physics	National 5	20%	The write-up of the report, which takes 1 hour and 30 minutes, will take place during the week beginning 17 February 2026.	Thursday 21 May 2026 1 pm – 3.30 pm
Physics	Higher	20%	The write-up of the report, which takes 2 hours, will take place during the week beginning 17 February 2026.	Thursday 21 May 2026 Paper 1: 9 am – 9.45 am Paper: 10.15 am – 12.30 pm

Engineering Science	National 5	31.25%	The assignment runs for 8 hours closed book. This will take approximately 12 class periods, delivered continuously over a two-week and half week period. For pupils entitled to extra time, this will be extended in line with their requirements. The final in-class submission date is 26 March 2026. The assignment will begin in the week commencing 16 February 2026.	Friday 24 April 2026 1 pm – 2.50 pm
Engineering Science	Higher	31.25%	The assignment runs for 8 hours closed book. This will take approximately 12 class periods, delivered continuously over a two-week period. For pupils entitled to extra time, this will be extended in line with their requirements. The final in-class submission date is 26 March 2026. The assignment will begin in the week commencing 16 February 2026.	Friday 24 April 2026 1 pm – 3.30 pm

SOCIAL SUBJECTS AND MODERN LANGUAGES FACULTY

SQA Assessment Activity		Percentage of Final Grade	Date for Final Write Up/Submission date – <i>before being sent to SQA for marking</i>	FINAL EXAM
Administration and IT – National 5	Assignment – Final Exam	58%	Column D – Mrs Muirhead – Monday 2 March 2026, Periods 1&2 and Wednesday 4 March 2026, Periods 6&7. Those with Extra Time will run until till approx. 4.15 pm	<u>Question Paper</u> Tuesday 5 May 2026, 1 pm – 3 pm
			Column F – Mrs Davidson/Mrs Muirhead – Monday 2 March 2026, Periods 5&6 and Friday 6 March 2026, Periods 2&3. Those with Extra Time will complete it on Period 7 – Monday 2 March 2026	
Administration and IT – Higher	Assignment - Final Exam	58%	Column A – Mrs McLintock - Tuesday 17 March 2026, Periods 3-5	<u>Theory Paper</u> Tuesday 5 May 2026, 1 pm – 2.30 pm
			Column C - Ms Fraser - Thursday 19 March 2026, Periods 2-4	
Business Management – National 5	Submission of Assignment	25%	Friday 6 March 2026	<u>Theory Paper</u> Friday 24 April 2026, 9 am – 11 am
Business Management – Higher	Submission of Assignment	25%	Friday 20 March 2026	<u>Theory Paper</u> Friday 24 April 2026, 9 am – 11.45 am
Business Management – Advanced Higher	Submission of Assignment	25%	Friday 20 March 2026	<u>Theory Paper</u> Friday 24 April 2026, 9 am – 11.45 am
Geography National 5	Assignment – Final Write-up	20%	Tuesday 20 January 2026, Periods 3&4	Thursday 23 April 2026, 1 pm – 3.20 pm

Geography Higher	Assignment – Final Write-up	27%	Tuesday 20 January 2026, Periods 1&2	<u>Paper 1 – Physical and Human</u> Thursday 23 April 2026, 9.30 am – 10.50 am <u>Paper 2 – Global Issues and Geographical Skills</u> Thursday 23 April 2026, 11.20 am – 12.30 pm
History National 5	Assignment – Final Write-up	20%	Column B – Mr Twaddle - Tuesday 24 February 2026, Periods 1&2	Thursday 14 May 2026, 1 pm – 3.40 pm
			Column C – Miss Duff - Thursday 26 February 2026, Periods 6&7	
			Column E – Ms Dewar - Thursday 26 February 2026, Periods 2&3	
History Higher	Assignment – Final Write-up	27%	Column C – Mr Bell - Monday 9 March 2026, Periods 6&7	<u>Paper 1 – British and European & World</u> Thursday 14 May 2026, 9 am – 10.30 am Paper 2 – Scottish Thursday 14 May 2026, 11 am – 12.30 pm
			Column D – Mr Twaddle - Monday 9 March 2026, Periods 1&2	
History Advanced Higher	Submission of Dissertation	36%	Monday 23 March 2026	Thursday 14 May 2026, 9 am – 12 noon

French National 5	Performance - Talking	25%	Tuesday 3 February 2026, all day	<u>Reading and Writing</u> Wednesday 6 May 2026, 1 pm – 2.30 pm
	Assignment – Write up	12.5%	First sitting: Wednesday 4 February 2026, Periods 6&7 Final sitting: Wednesday 18 February 2026, Period 6&7	<u>Listening</u> Wednesday 6 May 2026, 3 pm – 3.30 pm
French Higher	Performance – Talking	25%	Thursday 5 February, all day	<u>Reading and Directed Writing</u> Wednesday 6 May 2026, 9 am – 11 am
	Assignment - Writing	12.5%	First sitting: Tuesday 3 March 2026, Period 6&7 Final sitting: Tuesday 10 March 2026, Period 6&7	<u>Listening</u> Wednesday 6 May 2026, 11.30 am – 12 noon
German National 5	Performance – Talking	25%	Thursday 19 February 2026, P6&7	<u>Reading and Writing</u> Monday 18 May 2025, 1 pm – 2.30 pm
	Assignment - Writing	12.5%	First sitting: Tuesday 3 February 2026 Final sitting: Tuesday 10 February 2026	<u>Listening</u> Monday 18 May 2025, 3 pm – 3.30 pm
German Higher	Performance – Talking	25%	Monday 2 February 2026, Period 2	<u>Reading and Directed Writing</u> Monday 18 May 2025, 9 am – 11 am
	Assignment - Writing	12.5%	First sitting: Monday 13 October 2025, Periods 6&7 Final sitting: Monday 3 November 2025, Periods 6&7	<u>Listening</u> Monday 18 May 2025, 11.30 am – 12 noon

Spanish National 5	Performance - Talking	25%	Column B – Ms Naules - Tuesday 17 February, all day Column C – Mrs Robinson - Wednesday 18 February, all day	<u>Reading and Writing</u> Wednesday 22 April 2026, 1 pm – 2.30 pm
	Assignment - Writing	12.5%	<u>Column B</u> First sitting: Wednesday 25 February 2026, Periods 4&5 Final sitting: Monday 2 March 2026, Period 3 <u>Column C</u> First sitting: Thursday 26 February 2026, Periods 2&3 Final sitting: Thursday 5 March 2026, Periods 2&3	<u>Listening</u> Wednesday 22 April 2026, 3 pm – 3.30 pm
Spanish Higher	Performance – Talking	25%	Monday 26 January, all day	<u>Reading and Directed Writing</u> Wednesday 22 April 2026, 9 am – 11 am
	Assignment - Writing	12.5%	First sitting: Monday 2 March 2026, Periods 4&5 Final sitting: Thursday 5 March 2026, Period 1	<u>Listening</u> Wednesday 22 April 2026, 11.30 am – 12 noon
Mandarin National	Performance – Talking	25%	TBC from West Calder High School	<u>Reading and Directed Writing</u> Wednesday 27 May 2026 9 am – 11 am
	Assignment - Writing	12.5%	TBC from West Calder High School	<u>Listening</u> Wednesday 27 April 2026 11.30 am – 12 noon
Mandarin Higher	Performance – Talking	25%	TBC from West Calder High School	<u>Reading and Directed Writing</u> Wednesday 27 May 2026 9 am – 11.40 am <u>Listening</u> Wednesday 27 April 2026 1 pm – 1.30 pm

BIOLOGY, CHEMISTRY AND COMPUTING FACULTY

SQA Assessment Activity		Percentage of Final Grade	Date for Final Write Up/Submission date – <i>before being sent to SQA for marking</i>	FINAL EXAM
Biology National 5	Assignment	20	Write-up date: WB 2 Feb 2026	Tuesday 28 April 2026 1 pm – 3.30 pm
Biology Higher	Assignment	20	Write-up date: WB 2 Feb 2026	Tuesday 28 April 2026 Paper 1: 9 am – 9.40 am Paper 2: 10.10 am – 12:30 pm
Biology Higher Human	Assignment	20	Write-up date: WB 2 Feb 2026	Tuesday 28 April 2026 Paper 1: 9.00 am – 9.40 am Paper 2: 10.10 am – 12.30 pm
Biology Advanced Higher	Assignment	25	Draft Submission - Final Submission -	Tuesday 28 April 2026 9.00 am – 12.00 pm
Chemistry National 5	Assignment	20	Write-up date: WB 2 March 2026	Tuesday 12 May 2026 1.00 am – 3.30 pm
Chemistry Higher	Assignment	20	Write-up date: WB 2 March 2026	Tuesday 12 May 2026 Paper 1: 9.00 am – 9.40 am Paper 2: 10.10 am – 12.30 pm
Chemistry Advanced Higher	Assignment	25	Draft Submission - Final submission:	Tuesday 12 May 2026 9.00 am – 12 noon
Computing National 5	Course Work	33	From: To:	Wednesday 20 th May 9.00 am – 10.30 am
Computing Higher	Course Work	33	From: To:	Wednesday 20 th May 9.00 am – 11.00 am

PE, MUSIC AND FOOD & HEALTH FACULTY

SQA Assessment Activity		Percentage of Final Grade	Date for Final Write Up/Submission date – <i>before being sent to SQA for marking</i>	FINAL EXAM
PE Higher	One-off performance	50%	Wednesday 25 February 2026	Monday 18 May 2026 1 pm – 3.30 pm
PE National	One-off performance	50%	Wednesday 25 February 2026	NA
PE National	Portfolio	50%	Friday 20 March 2026	
Dance Higher	Practical assessment	70%	TBC March - April 2026	Wednesday 6 May 2026 9 am – 11 am
Dance National	Practical assessment	80%	TBC March - April 2026	Wednesday 6 May 2026 9 am – 10 am
Refereeing	All units	Full course	Friday 20 March 2026	NA
Sports Leadership	LER	Full course	Friday 20 March 2026	NA
Exercise and Fitness Leadership	All Units	Full course	Friday 20 March 2026	NA
Music Advanced Higher	Practical assessment (performing)	50%	TBC 27 April -15 May 2026	Monday 27 April 2026 2.45 pm – 4 pm
Music Advanced Higher	Composing and analysing	15%	Thursday 26 March 2026	
Music Higher	Practical assessment (performing)	50%	TBC 9 Feb – 20 March 2026	Monday 27 April 2026 1.15 pm – 2.15 pm
Music Higher	Composing	15%	Wednesday 25 March 2026	
Music National 5	Practical assessment (performing)	50%	TBC 9 February – 20 March 2026	Monday 27 April 2026 12 noon – 12.45 pm

Music National 5	Composing	15%	Wednesday 25 March 2026	
Music National 3/4	Practical assessment (performing)	NA	March 2026	N/A
Music National 3/4	Composing	NA	Wednesday 25 th March 2026	N/A
Practical Cookery National	Assignment	13%	National C – Thursday 12 March 2026 National F – Friday 13 March 2026	Thursday 28 May 2026 1.30 pm – 2.30 pm
Practical Cookery National	Practical cooking assessment	62%	W/b Monday 23 – Thursday 26 March 2026	
Early Learning and Childcare	All units	Full course	Friday 27 March 2026	N/A

ART & DESIGN AND CDT FACULTY

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Design and Manufacture National 5	Submission of Design Folio	30%	Friday 27 March 2026	Wednesday 13 May 2026 1 pm – 2.45 pm
Design and Manufacture Higher	Submission of Design Folio	53%	Friday 27 March 2026	Wednesday 13 May 2026 1 pm – 3.15 pm
Design and Manufacture Adv Higher	Submission of Design Folio	60%	Friday 27 March 2026	Wednesday 13 May 2026 1 pm – 3.15 pm
Graphic Communication National 5	Timed CAD Assignment	33%	17 February – 10 March 2026	Monday 11 May 2026 1 pm – 3 pm
Graphic Communication Higher	Timed CAD Assignment	36%	17 February – 10 March 2026	Monday 11 May 2026 1 pm – 3.30 pm
Art and Design National 5	Submission of Portfolio	80%	Thursday 26 March 2026	Tuesday 26 May 2026 9 am – 10.20 am
Art and Design Higher	Submission of Portfolio	77%	Thursday 26 March 2026	Tuesday 26 May 2026 9 am – 11 am
Art and Design Adv Higher	Submission Portfolio	100%	Thursday 26 March 2026	N/A