



## Lourdes Secondary School

### S4 National 5 Prelim Report Guide

S4 National 5 Prelim reports have been issued to parents and pupils via email. In order to support your understanding of this prelim % the guide below offers information on:

- National Qualifications – Assessment Structure
- Course Assessment Components
- Course Content Sampled within Prelim
- Significant Trends/Additional Information

#### **National Qualifications – Assessment Structure**

Broadly speaking, the course assessment structure for most NQs consists of one or two question papers plus an additional piece of coursework, which is usually marked externally by SQA markers. This additional piece of coursework (e.g. a portfolio, assignment or project) is completed by the pupil independently, either at school or at home. The weightings applied to the question papers and the coursework vary from subject to subject. These pieces of coursework provide pupils with opportunities to show that they know their subject (s), and to gain marks which could make a big difference to their final grade. Each piece of coursework has different requirements, which teachers tell pupils about.

#### **Prelim Scores (Percentages)**

Please note that prelim percentages reflect a pupil's performance in their subjects based on recent prelim exams. A pupil's performance may go up or down in the period between the prelim diet and the SQA Exam diet in 2023, based on a pupil's progress as teachers continue to deliver the content of the courses. Further assessments take place during the weeks leading up to the start of the SQA Exam Diet.

	Course Assessment Components	Course Covered and Sampled within Prelim	Significant Trends/Information
Nat 5 - Admin and IT	Written Exam - 42%	<b>60% of the course content has been sampled within prelim</b>	In the final exam pupils tend to perform well in the assignment
	Assignment - 58%	Assignment - not sampled in prelim	
Nat 5 - Art and Design	<b>Written Exam - 20%</b>	<b>All Question Paper knowledge has been sampled within the prelim</b>	Half the practical folio should be submitted by pupils at this stage.
	Practical Folio - 80%	Folio - not sampled in prelim	
Nat 5 - Biology	<b>Written Exam - 100%</b> The prelim consisted of 50 marks in total. 12 marks multiple choice (24%), 38 marks section 2 (76%). The final exam is worth 100 marks 25 marks multiple choice (25%), 75 marks section 2 (75%).	<b>60% of the course content has been sampled within prelim</b>	No internal assessments are included in the final grade for Biology. This means that the final SQA exam counts towards 100% of the allocated grade and is determined on exam day. Historically, pupils who achieve less than 40% in their prelim are very unlikely to secure a grade C or above in the final exam.
Nat 5 - Chemistry	<b>Written Exam - 100%</b> The prelim consisted of 60 marks in total. 15 marks multiple choice (25%), 45 marks section 2 (75%). The final exam is worth 100 marks 25 marks multiple choice (25%), 75 marks section 2 (75%).	<b>60% of the course content has been sampled within prelim</b>	No internal assessments are included in the final grade for Chemistry. This means that the final SQA exam counts towards 100% of the allocated grade and is determined on exam day. Historically, pupils who achieve less than 40% in their prelim are very unlikely to secure a grade C or above in the final exam.
Nat 5 - Computing	<b>Written Exam - 67%</b>	<b>60% of the course content has been sampled within prelim</b>	Elements of the course still to be covered can contribute to improved marks in the final written exam paper. Pupils tend to perform strongly in the practical assessment.
	Assignment - 33%	Assignment - not sampled in prelim	
Nat 5 - Drama	<b>Written Exam - 40%</b>	<b>40% of the course content has been sampled within the prelim</b>	Performance assessment is completed later in the year.
	Performance Assessment - 60%	Performance - not sampled in prelim	Historically Practical assessment marks are much higher than written exam on average.
Nat 5 - English	<b>Written Exam - 70 % (2 Papers)</b>	<b>66% of the course content has been sampled within prelim</b>	The prelim grade does not include a mark for the folio essay (worth 30 marks). The Folio deadline is the end of February, and work on the essay is on-going.
	Paper 1 (Reading for Understanding, Analysis & Evaluation) 30/70		
	Paper 2 (Critical Reading) 40/70. There are two components in Paper 2: Scottish Text 20 Marks + Critical Essay 20 Marks.		
	Folio Essay - 30%	Folio - not sampled in prelim	

<b>Nat 5 - ESOL</b>	<b>Written Exam - 70 % (3 Papers)</b>	<b>60% of the course content has been sampled within prelim</b>	<i>No comment</i>
	Paper 1 (Listening) - 20%		
	Paper 2 (Reading) - 25%		
	Paper 3 (Writing) - 25%		
	Speaking Assessment - 30%	Speaking Assessment - not sampled in prelim	
<b>Nat 5 - French</b>	Listening - 25%	<b>70% of the course content has been sampled within the prelim (including the final SQA speaking examination)</b>	<i>No comment</i>
	Reading - 25%		
	Writing (Job Application) - 25%		
	Speaking (Final SQA exam mark) - 25%		
<b>Nat 5 - Geography</b>	<b>Written exam - 100%</b>	<b>66% of the course content has been sampled within prelim</b>	<i>No comment</i>
<b>Nat 5 - Graphics</b>	<b>Written Exam - 62 %</b>	<b>All Question Paper knowledge has been sampled within the prelim</b>	Assignment is 8 hours of folio work completed in class under exam conditions. Our pupils will sit this over 12 periods and begin to undertake their assignment from the week beginning the 6th of February.
	Practical Assignment - 38%	Assignment - not sampled in prelim	Historically pupils perform better in written paper than assignment.
<b>Nat 5 - History</b>	<b>Written exam - 100%</b>	<b>66% of the course content has been sampled within prelim</b>	<i>No comment</i>
<b>Nat 5 - Maths</b>	<b>Written exam - 100%</b>	Almost all topics included in prelim - only non-right angled trigonometry was omitted. This means that the Predictive Value is very high.	Pupils who score less than 30% in the prelim have only a 20% chance of passing the final exam. In 2019, no pupil scoring less than 40% passed.
<b>Nat 5 - Modern Studies</b>	<b>Written exam - 100%</b>	<b>66% of the course content has been sampled within prelim</b>	No comment
<b>Nat 5 - Music</b>	<b>Written Exam - 40% (Listening)</b>	<b>40% of the course content has been sampled within the prelim</b>	Performance assessment is completed later in the year.
	Performance Assessment - 60%	Performance - not sampled in prelim	Historically Practical assessment marks are much higher than listening on average.
<b>Nat 5 - Music Technology</b>	<b>Written Exam - 30% (Listening)</b>	<b>30% of the course content has been sampled within the prelim</b>	Project is completed later in the year.
	Project - 70%	Project - not sampled in prelim	

<p><b>Nat 5 - Physics</b></p>	<p><b>Written Exam - 100%</b> The prelim consisted of 60 marks in total. 15 marks multiple choice (25%), 45 marks section 2 (75%). The final exam is worth 100 marks 25 marks multiple choice (25%), 75 marks section 2 (75%).</p>	<p><b>60% of the course content has been sampled within prelim</b></p>	<p>No internal assessments are included in the final grade for Physics. This means that the final SQA exam counts towards 100% of the allocated grade and is determined on exam day. Historically, pupils who achieve less than 40% in their prelim are very unlikely to secure a grade C or above in the final exam.</p>
<p><b>Nat 5 - RMPS</b></p>	<p><b>Written Exam - 100%</b></p>	<p><b>40% of the course content has been sampled within prelim</b></p>	<p>Final Grade Estimated grades are based on 4 pieces of assessment throughout the year: 3 unit assessments each weighing 23% and prelim weighing 31%</p> <p>Historically, pupils who achieve below 60% in assessments and prelims are at risk of not passing the exam. We identify pupils on that boundary line and offer early interventions and targeted support through Supported Study on Thursday evenings.</p>
<p><b>Nat 5 - Spanish</b></p>	<p>Listening - 25%</p> <p>Reading - 25%</p> <p>Writing (Job Application) - 25%</p> <p>Speaking (Using presentation practice completed in Nov) - 25%</p>	<p><b>70% of the course content has been sampled within prelim</b></p> <p>Final SQA speaking examination to take place end of February.</p>	<p>Final SQA speaking examination at the end of February will have a significant impact on results and students are encouraged to focus on this whilst revising at home.</p>