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6 October 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

Prelim Diet 1 – Monday 23 November to Tuesday 1 December 2026

I am pleased to attach the examination timetable for Prelim Diet 1.

This has also been shared with students through their Year Teams and class teachers and is available on the school website. *(Please note that a timetable for Prelim Diet 2, which begins on 18 January 2027, will be issued separately in due course).*

Prelim examinations provide an important opportunity for students to experience examinations under conditions similar to those used by Qualifications Scotland. They allow young people to familiarise themselves with the exam process, practise important exam skills and gain valuable feedback on their progress.

We recognise that examinations can sometimes cause stress and anxiety for young people. It is important to remember that prelims are designed to support learning and preparation. They help students identify their strengths, highlight areas where additional support may be beneficial and inform planning for the final Qualifications Scotland examinations.

At Balwearie High School, we are committed to supporting every young person to achieve their potential. If your child is finding exam preparation challenging, a range of wellbeing and support measures remain available. This includes support through their guidance teacher and resources such as the 'Say It Out Loud' feature on the school website.

Study Support

A range of study support resources is available to students. These include platforms such as **BBC Bitesize** and **Achieve**, which provide subject-specific materials and learning activities that complement many of the courses offered at Balwearie.

Further information on accessing Achieve can be found on the school website or via the QR code below.

[Balwearie High School - Achieve Platform](#)



For subject-specific support, students are encouraged to speak directly with their class teacher, who will be happy to provide guidance on revision strategies and course content.

Alternative Assessment Arrangements

Students who have approved alternative assessment arrangements will receive an individual timetable confirming these arrangements prior to the start of the prelim diet. Further information about Qualifications Scotland's policy on alternative assessment arrangements can be found on the school website or via the link below.

[Balwearie High School - Additional Assessment Arrangements](#)



If you have any questions regarding prelim arrangements for session **2026–27**, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Harlow', written over a light blue horizontal line.



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Balwearie High School Prelim

Diet 1

Date	Subject	Level	Year Group	Component	Start	End	Room
Monday 23rd November	Biology	N5	S4	Question Paper	9:00	11:00	Assembly
Monday 23rd November	French	N5	S4	Reading	12:00	13:30	Assembly
Monday 23rd November	French	N5	S4	Listening	14:45	15:15	Mod Lang
Tuesday 24th November	English	H	S5-6	Paper 1	9:30	11:00	Assembly & Games Hall
Tuesday 24th November	English	N5	S4-6	Paper 1	14:00	15:00	Assembly & Games Hall
Wednesday 25th November	Administration & IT	N5	S4	Question paper	9:00	11:00	IT Rooms
Wednesday 25th November	Spanish	N5	S4	Reading	12:00	13:30	Assembly
Wednesday 25th November	Politics	H	S5-6	Paper 2	12:00	13:30	Assembly
Wednesday 25th November	Spanish	N5	S4	Listening	14:45	15:15	Mod Lang
Thursday 26th November	Geography	N5	S4	Question Paper	9:00	11:20	Assembly
Thursday 26th November	Accounting	N5	S4	Question Paper	13:00	15:00	Assembly
Friday 27th November	Health & Food Technology	N5	S4	Question Paper	9:00	10:50	Assembly
Friday 27th November	Physics	N5	S4	Question Paper	9:00	11:00	Assembly
Monday 30th November	Chemistry	N5	S4	Question Paper	9:00	11:00	Assembly
Monday 30th November	Business Management	N5	S4	Question Paper	13:50	15:20	Assembly
Tuesday 1st December	History	N5	S4	Question Paper	9:00	11:20	Assembly

In Class Time	Music	N5	S4-6	Performing
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In Class Time	Physical Education	N5	S4-6	Factors Impacting on Performance
In Class Time	Modern Studies	N5	S4-6	Assignment
In Class Time	Modern Studies	H	S5-6	Paper 2