



Leith Academy

Assessment summary

**National Qualifications
(Advanced Higher)**

A parent and pupil guide

The purpose and aim of this document is:

To summarise the main internal and external assessments for all subjects offered at Advanced Higher.

To give you and your daughter/son an overview of all their subjects.

To allow you to support your daughter/son in preparing for each of these assessments.

To provide a stepping stone for time management.

To provide a starting point for planning revision.

Mathematics – Advanced Higher		
Internal assessment	Format	Estimated date
1 – Methods of algebra and calculus	Unit Assessment	Oct 2016
2 – Applications of algebra and calculus	Unit Assessment	Dec 2016
3 – Geometry, proof and systems of equations	Unit Assessment	Mar 2017
<i>External assessment</i>	<i>3 hour calculator paper</i>	<i>5 May 2017</i>

English – Advanced Higher		
Internal assessment	Format	Estimated date
1 – Analysis and Evaluation unit	Dissertation planning and drafts	Ongoing
2 – Creation and Production unit (writing and talking)	Folio planning and drafts	Deadline for completion: 26 Apr 2017
Course work	Portfolio Dissertation	Deadline for completion: 26 Apr 2017
<i>External assessment</i>	<i>Paper 1: Literary Study</i> <i>Paper 2: Textual Analysis</i>	<i>11 May 2017</i>

French/Spanish – Advanced Higher		
Internal assessment	Format	Estimated date
1 – Understanding Language	One reading assessment	Oct 2016
Contexts – Society / Culture / Learning & Employability	One listening assessment	Nov 2016
2 – Using Language	One talking assessment	Mar 2017
Contexts – Society / Culture / Learning & Employability	One writing assessment	Mar 2017
Talking	Assessed by visiting examiner	Mid-Feb – mid-Mar 2017
	Folio	Feb 2017
<i>External assessment</i>	<i>Paper 1 – Reading and Translation</i> <i>Paper 2 – Listening and Discursive Writing</i>	<i>15 May 2017 (French)</i> <i>3 May 2017 (Spanish)</i>

Art and Design – Advanced Higher		
Internal assessment	Format	Estimated date
Major Unit (combined approach) Development of Ideas Final Solution Options (in either Expressive or Design disciplines)	Sketchbooks Sketches: annotated – thumbnails; electronically generated research; mounted finalised ideas and compositions	Progress monitored on the last Friday of each month Aug 2016-May 2017
Minor Unit (combined approach)	Critical written dissertation of up to 1700 words	31 Oct 2016 (first draft) 2 Dec 2016 (second draft) 13 Jan 2017 (final version)
<i>External assessment</i>		
<i>Major Unit</i>	<i>Portfolio presentation of 8-15 A1 sheets</i>	<i>Uplift of submissions (tbc by SQA)</i>
<i>Minor Unit</i>	<i>Written, illustrated dissertation of up to 1700 words</i>	<i>2 June 2017</i>

Music – Advanced Higher		
Internal assessment	Format	Estimated date
Statement of intent for understanding and analysing music	Written Summary	2 Sept 2016
Music Concepts: Analysis of Work 1 Music Concepts: Analysis of Work 2	Written Written	16 Sept 2016 7 Oct 2016
First Draft of Project Final Submission of Project	Written Written	22 Dec 2016 17 Mar 2017
Performance Assessment	Selected pieces played live to assessor	Week beginning 31 Oct 2016
Finalised Performance Programme External Performance Assessment	Selected pieces played live to SQA Assessor	19 Dec 2016 Mar-Apr 2017 (tbc)
3 – Understanding Music	Listen to a wide range of musical styles and comment on elements heard (incl concepts, stylistic features, cultural influences etc). Listening diary kept in school.	Week beginning 30 Jan 2017
Added Value Unit internal reflection verification	Performance in front of an SQA examiner on two instruments (or instrument and voice). Minimum Grade 3 standard, 8 minute programme in total.	Week beginning 7 Nov 2016
<i>External assessment</i>	<i>Listening exam</i>	<i>4 May 2017</i>

Drama – Advanced Higher		
Internal assessment	Format	Estimated date
Drama Skills	As directed by teacher and outcomes booklet	Unit completed by 1 December 2016
Production Skills	As directed by teacher and outcomes booklet	Unit completed by 31 Mar 2017
<i>External assessment</i> Drama Skills and Production Booklet Course assessment paper	Visiting Examiner Written paper	Practical assessment 'window': Feb-Mar 2017 30 June 2017

Biology – Advanced Higher		
Internal assessment	Format	Estimated date
1 – Organisms and evolution	Unit assessment	Ongoing By Dec 2016
2 – Cells and proteins	Unit assessment	By Mar 2017
3 – Investigative Biology	Unit assessment	By Jan 2017
Practical write-up	Carry out and write up an experiment to a specified standard. (May be overtaken by work done in Investigative Biology unit.)	By Apr 2017
Project	Extended report on research topic. Externally marked, contributing up to 30 marks of final grade.	By Apr 2017
<i>External assessment</i>	<i>Exam: 25 marks multiple choice, 65 marks extended answer</i>	23 May 2017

Chemistry – Higher		
Internal assessment	Format	Estimated date
1 – Inorganic and physical chemistry	Unit assessment	Ongoing By Dec 2016
2 – Organic chemistry and instrumental analysis	Unit assessment	By Feb 2017
4 – Researching Chemistry	Literature and Practical Research	By Apr 2017
Practical write-up	Carry out and write up an experiment to a specified standard. (May be overtaken by work done in Researching Chemistry unit.)	By Apr 2017
Project	Extended report on research topic. Externally marked, contributing up to 30 marks of final grade.	By Apr 2017
<i>External assessment</i>	<i>Exam: 30 marks multiple choice, 70 marks extended answer</i>	8 May 2017

Physics – Higher		
Internal assessment	Format	Estimated date
1 – Rotational Motion and Astrophysics	Unit assessment	Ongoing By Dec 2016
2 – Quanta and Waves	Unit assessment	By Feb 2017
3 – Electromagnetism (half-unit)	Unit assessment	By Apr 2017
4 – Investigating Physics (half-unit)	Literature and Practical Research	By April 2017
Practical write-up	Carry out and write up an experiment to a specified standard. (May be overtaken by work done in Investigative Physics unit.)	By April 2017
Project	Extended report on research topic. Externally marked, contributing up to 30 marks of final grade.	By April 2017
<i>External assessment</i>	<i>Exam: 100 marks of extended questions</i>	<i>17 May 2017</i>

Graphic Communication – Advanced Higher		
Internal assessment	Format	Estimated date
Technical Graphics	Unit Assessment	Jan 2017
Commercial and Visual Graphics	Unit Assessment	Jan 2017
Assignment	Project (120 marks)	March 2017
<i>External assessment</i>	<i>Question paper (80 marks)</i>	<i>10 May 2017</i>