

Supporting Study at Home

Information session for parents and carers

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“Attainment is an individual's passport to personal, social, cultural and economic opportunities. Raising attainment means improving life chances.”

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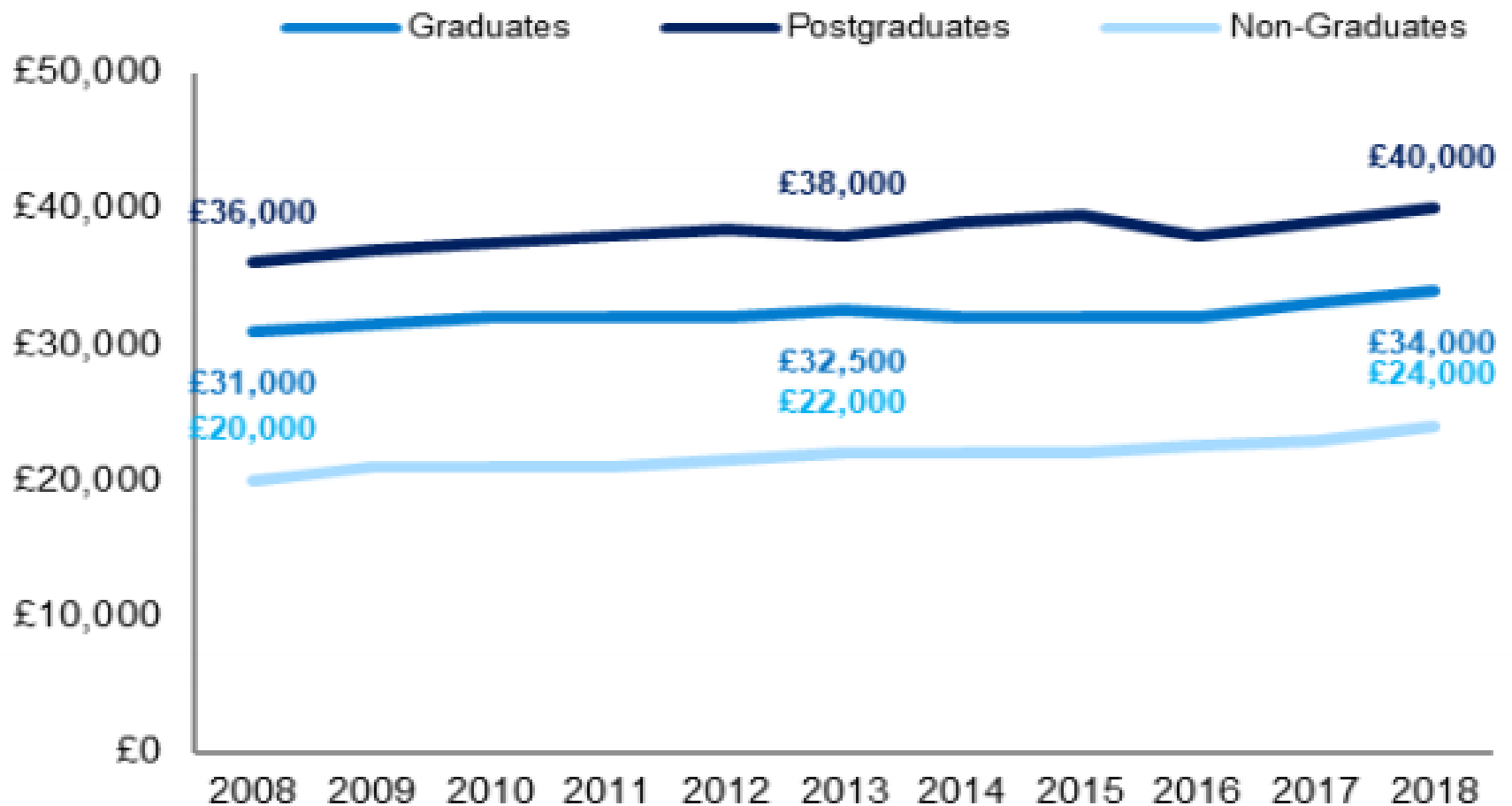
Raising Attainment and Achievement by Supporting Studying at Home

- Why raise attainment?
- Advantages of studying
- How to support your child at home

Why raise attainment?

1. Improved life chances
2. Top 20% underperforming at LHS
3. Sense of achievement and boost in self confidence

Annual Median Salaries: Working Age Population (16-64 year olds)



Advantages of regular independent study

1. Learning how you revise best
2. Develops transferrable skills for life beyond school
3. Prevents overwhelming levels of work
4. Improved performance!
5. Help embrace a Growth Mindset vs Fixed Mindset (anyone can achieve anything given time and effort)

Gary Player – Pro Golfer

*“I was practicing in a bunker down in Texas and this good old boy with a big hat stopped to watch. The first shot he saw me hit went in the hole. He said, “You got 50 bucks if you knock the next one in.” I holed the next one. Then he says, “You got \$100 if you hole the next one.” In it went for three in a row. As he peeled off the bills he said, “Boy, I’ve never seen anyone so lucky in my life.” And I shot back, **“Well, the harder I practise, the luckier I get.”**”*

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Higher/Adv Level Guidelines

- On average pupils should be spending 1.5 – 3 hours per week per subject
- Some subjects such as the Sciences and Mathematics recommend 30 minutes each night as regularity of practice is more beneficial
- Subjects such as Art, Music, Admin, Computing Science and English may require more time spent on the lead up to folio submissions or practical assessments (mostly in Feb/March time)
- Graphic Communication and Engineering Science assignments do not arrive in school until the last day of January and are due in March (**attendance essential!!**)

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National 5 Level Guidelines

- On average pupils should be spending $\frac{1}{2}$ – 1 hour per week per subject
- Some subjects such as the Sciences and Mathematics recommend 20 minutes per night
- more time spent on the lead up to folio submissions or practical assessments applies again at this level
- Graphic Communication and Engineering Science time restrictions apply at this level too

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National 4 Level Guidelines

- On average pupils should be spending $\frac{1}{2}$ – 1 hour per week per subject
- Some subjects such as the Sciences and Mathematics recommend 20 minutes per night
- Internal assessments through out the year.

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Some (not all!) Resources

- Course materials and dates of deadlines are on Google classroom for each subject. This should be the first port of call for all pupils for most subjects
- **SQA past papers for all subjects**
- Library
- Information booklets

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Chromebooks

Pupil Announcements





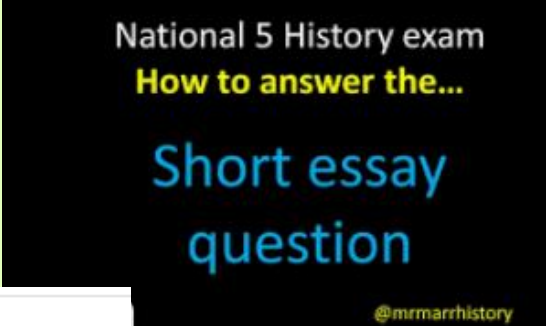

Useful Links

- Google
- Google Drive
- Google Classroom
- Bitesize
- Pupil Voice
- SQA Past Papers
- YouTube
- Useful Apps
- For Girls
- maths
- Skills Development Scotland Careers
- Kahoot!
- UCAS
- SCHOLAR (Heriot-Watt University)
- THE DAY (NEWS TO OPEN MINDS)

Two red arrows point to the Google Classroom and SQA Past Papers icons in the Useful Links section.

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Some Other Online resources

-  SCHOLAR website is used for Higher Biology and Chemistry
- Music <http://mymusiconline.co.uk/>
- Hegarty Maths App for Maths and Application of Maths 
- Mr Marr on line for History 
- “The Day” for English 

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Summary

1. Suggest a space where they can study.
2. Encourage regular, healthy eating and sleeping patterns.
3. Remind pupils how much time is expected to be spent on each subject per week.
4. Direct pupils to **google classroom** or the links on chrome book homepage.
5. Encourage them to start with a subject they like if they are struggling to get into the study habit.
6. Share the advantages of good qualifications

2020 and beyond

Class teachers will continue to share this information with pupils.

As parents/carers you too can remind your young people. Independent study, over and above just turning up to class, must be undertaken to ensure their success in each subject.

We are working on a detailed information document with timing guidelines, resources and course deadlines for all subjects in the senior school. Please look out for more information on the parent section of the website in 2020.

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