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Dear Parent / Guardian,

**Higher Computing**

I am writing to pass on some information about key dates and revision opportunities for Higher Computing pupils. The pupils have already been given all this information so it *should* be familiar to them!

**Key Dates**

- Second Prelim for Higher Computing: This will take place on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May and Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May. A second Prelim is necessary as we are only able to exam Units 1 and 2 in the February Prelim. This second Prelim will cover all three units.
- Final Exam: The SQA Exam for Higher Computing will be on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June this year.

**Revision Opportunities**

- Revision sessions covering a variety of topics, many selected by the pupils themselves, will be run in Mr McGranaghan's room (ICT1) at lunchtimes on Tuesdays from now until study leave begins.
- The Department's annual revision day for Higher Computing will be on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June this year and will run from 10am until approx 2.30pm. Those attending must wear uniform. It is open to all Higher candidates and is an opportunity for pupils to:
  - Review the whole Higher Computing course focusing particularly on aspects which often cause difficulty or which usually appear in the exam.
  - Get top tips from teachers about tricky topics.
  - Get tips on Computing exam techniques.
  - Ask any last minute questions.
- A page of online revision links is accessible via the Department's page on the school's website. To access this, pupils should go to the school website ([www.theglasgowacademy.org.uk](http://www.theglasgowacademy.org.uk)) and then to the "Departmental Pages" under the "Senior School" menu (at the top of the page). Follow the link on the left to "Computing" and then to "Revision Links" and scroll down to links relating to Higher Computing.

I hope that you will find this information useful in helping your son / daughter as they prepare for the Higher Computing exam. Please do not hesitate to contact either your child's Computing teacher or myself if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely

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