



Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you are all well. As the ongoing pandemic continues to challenge every aspect of our life, it is now more important than ever to work together. I have managed to speak to over 80 parents and carers in the last 2 weeks, and I know the Pastoral Team and SLT have also called to offer support to our young people. I have enjoyed speaking to families and would like to thank you for your support and your kind words to motivate staff.

Calendar of events

I sent an updated calendar of events last week, we will continue to review dates.

Meanwhile, reminder of dates in February:

The school will close on Thursday 4th February and reopen on Wednesday 10th February.

Please note the hub will not be open.

- S4 Parents' information afternoon- Tuesday 2nd February 1-3.30pm
- Parent Council meeting-Monday 8th February 7pm
- S4 Curriculum choices with Pastoral Teacher- Thursday 11th Feb 2021, 10-3pm
- S2 Parents' information event- Thursday 18th February (time TBC depending on announcement)
- S5 Curriculum choices with Pastoral Teacher- Friday 19th Feb 2021, 10-3pm
- S2 Curriculum choices with Pastoral Teacher- Tuesday 23rd Feb 2021, 10-3pm

Remote learning

We are tracking engagement across subjects as well as attendance in the morning to support. Please remind your child to upload any work even if it is not fully completed.

In response to learner feedback we are reviewing the following:

- Staff have reduced the workload for S1 & S2 and more time to complete tasks.
- We are also planning further outdoor activities to reduce screen time e.g. in English lessons on Burns with a choice of health and wellbeing activities.
- **A wellbeing afternoon on Tuesday 2nd February.** Details will be posted on google classroom, there will be no class work.
- More time for tasks to be completed for S4/5/6 learners.
- S4 will no longer complete RME during remote learning. This will provide a further catch up/revision period.

Any ideas are welcome. We want to continue to get the balance right between moving learning on and health and wellbeing.

Virtual supported –S4/5/6

Some staff members have kindly organised targeted virtual supported study sessions after school and during PSHE/RME time. I am sure you will agree this is positive and will offer learners further support.

Times for next week (learners will have received information via their google classroom):

- Mrs Ahmed's S4 Maths class should attend on a Wednesday after school.
- Mr Malloy's Higher Physics class will have sessions on a Sunday.

I will ask staff to share any further sessions and add to the bulletin.

SQA

SQA announced today that the deadline for estimates will now be Friday 18 June 2021. East Renfrewshire Council will now review their deadlines to ensure we have validated and moderated all assessment pieces. When the announcement is made on the 2nd February we can then review assessment calendar dates.

Finally..

Remember you can only do what you can. Take care of yourself and 'Keep your face to the sun' *Helen Keller*

Best wishes,
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