



Dear parent/carer,

We are well-organised for our young people returning and are looking forward to next week. The light is coming!

Calendar of events

- S5/6 Parents information event- 11th March 1-3.30pm
- S4 Tracking Report-Monday 15th March (will be posted to all)
- Virtual Social Media and online safety- Tuesday 16th March-7pm (link will be emailed)
- S5/6- assessment checkpoint 1- 26th March- 1st April

Blended learning

All learners have received details of their return via their year group google classrooms. Assemblies will also be held during their pastoral period, this will be an opportunity to ask any questions.

Learners should continue to follow their timetables at home. We will do our best to deliver a high standard of remote learning whilst delivering face to face teaching. Please be patient during hopefully the last 14 days of this experience. Click [here](#) to access additional resources, supported study sessions and further Easter school classes from the national website.

To ensure we keep all our young people safe and reduce the spread of infection, we need your help to reinforce the following:

- Hands- sanitiser at entrances/exits
- Face- all year groups now to wear coverings during lessons and moving around the building.
- Space- all learners to now maintain 2m from staff but also each other.

Equalities

We shared a fantastic staff film highlighting our support for Purple Friday on Twitter. We have celebrated LGBT+ history month via various activities including a creativity competition for learners. Next session we will be working towards our LGBT Youth Charter

S1/2 will have the opportunity to reflect on their rights on Thursday 11th March pm. Learners from the Rights Respecting Group will organise the activities.

Health and wellbeing

Reminder to all learners and parents that our S6 learners are leading fitness sessions. Code to join is available from their year group google classroom, or they can ask their PE teacher to be added in.

- Monday- Fitness- 4.30pm
- Tuesday- Dance- 4pm
- Wednesday- Fitness- 4pm

Schools Asymptomatic Testing Programme

Reminder to complete the consent form for your child to participate in testing before returning to school. Details for collection were emailed to parents. If your child has already collected during their practical time, they can stock up when they require further tests when they are in school.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyzTzM4Wj0KVQTctawUZKYRvg4UN_phBIXSZ6chdpnFUQjhTN0hNUDk0VjILREFWWVZNTDRVN1c3MS4u

Please note I have not received any further information regarding the statement that testing would be offered to S1-3 learners after Easter. I will contact parents when I receive an update.

SQA

The following information was emailed to parents:

- S5/6 assessment dates
- Overview calendar for all assessment checkpoint including S4 and second checkpoint for S5/6
- Virtual Easter School calendar. Further classes are available via <http://www.esgoil.com/easterstudysupportsessions2021/>

S4 learners will receive specific dates for assessments prior to the Easter break.

Newsletter

Great achievements as always in the latest learner [newsletter](#).

Finally...

I shared this with staff; I think as parents we should also be sharing this vision. Let's get this right for our young people.

Don't tell me I'm behind.

Don't tell me I'll be held back for ever.

Don't tell me I need longer at school.

Don't tell me I'm lost.

Tell me I can do it.

Tell me you'll help me.

Tell me you believe in me.

Tell me we'll do it together.

Yours sincerely,

Barrhead young people.

#RaiseTheBarr

**Responsibility
Excellence
Success
Perseverance
Equality
Confidence
Teamwork**

Best wishes,

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