



Dear parent/carer,

It has been fabulous to have our learners back in the building. I would like to thank parents for all their hard work to support our young people at home. I know it is not always easy to motivate teenagers, however the level of engagement has been fantastic. Attendance at school is positive this week, and learners have followed all the additional measures we have put in place to keep everyone safe.

Calendar of events

Event	Details
S5/6- assessment window 1	Friday 26 th March- Thursday 1 st April
Easter holidays	Friday 2 nd April- Monday 19 th April
S2 Tracking report	Tuesday 20 th April (will be available via Parent Portal)
S1 Virtual Parents Event	Tuesday 27th April 4-6.30pm (email with details will follow next week)
S4- final assessment window	Monday 26 th April- Friday 7 th May (details to follow) * Please note we will be using the holiday Monday -3 rd May to spread out the assessments.
S5/6 Tracking report	28 th April- posted to all

Blended learning

Staff have worked hard to deliver face to face teaching, remote learning and support S1/2 learners in the hub. We will continue to review our approaches and to listen to feedback. Some lovely emails from parents this week. Known that we have the support of our families is important to staff. We are nearly there!

Advance notice- Plans for final week

Please note the plans for the final 4 days of term (Monday 29th -Thursday 1st April)

Due to the 2 m social distancing constraints on accommodation, and demands on staff to read and scribe (17 teachers/PSAs required for 1 assessment) S5/6 have to be our focus on the final week in the mornings. Remote learning will continue for learners at home.

S1

S1 learners will attend school on Thursday 1st to speak to their Pastoral Teacher and attend PE in small groups. * Times will be emailed next week to confirm when your child should attend.

S2

S2 learners will attend school on Wednesday 31st to speak to their Pastoral Teacher and attend PE in small groups. * Times will be emailed next week to confirm when your child should attend.

S3

S3 learners will attend as follows on the final week:

- Group A- Monday pm
- Group B- Tuesday pm

S4

S4 learners will attend as follows on the final week:

- Group A- Monday and Tuesday pm
- Group B- Wednesday and Thursday pm

S5/6 learners

S5/6 assessments will commence on Friday 26th March until Thursday 1st April. They will attend school in the morning for assessments and return home to revise after their assessments. **Please note a video was posted on their Google Classroom to remind them of the procedures when sitting assessments.**

Health and safety

Reminder of the protocols in place to keep everyone safe:

- 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.
- Schools Asymptomatic Testing Programme is now available for all learners.

Consent form for S4-6 Testing

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyzTzM4Wj0KVQTctawUZKYRvq4UN_phBIXSZ6chdpnFUQjhTN0hNUDk0VjILREFWVZNTDRVN1c3MS4u

Consent form for S1-3 Testing (will be issued next week to prepare for the return after Easter as per the Scottish Government guidance)

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyzTzM4Wj0KVQTctawUZKYRvq4UN_phBIXSZ6chdpnFUM1pDOE8xVkpXRjBXSVJJSDFMODIIOUJBRy4u

Reminder that once learners are running low in stock to ask the office for new supplies. Please note learners do not need to test during Easter, however it would be helpful if learners can take the test the evening before we return from the Easter break.

Virtual Easter School

Can you promote virtual Easter school with our young people? They can sign up to attend via this link

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyzTzM4Wj0KVQTctawUZKZpcXiOATvFHuKv5Rcd0bJ5UQk1aTTBXTIRZVUJGTkZSSTDVE05SjDTC4u>

Staff are willing to work over the break to offer further support before the final assessment windows. The numbers are very low. Please support us #raisethebarr.

DYW - Meet the Expert Sessions

Engineering - Space Industries - Investment Management - NHS Healthcare Support

These sessions are a great way to evidence interest in a particular career when our young people cannot undertake work experience at present. They could refer to them in personal statements and Modern Apprenticeship applications. Any young person who would like to attend should contact their Pastoral Teacher. <https://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/marketplace/opportunities>

Finally,...

Dreams really do come true at Barrhead High! Let's keep our young people focused for the last few weeks and hope our troubles will be far behind us after Easter.



Best wishes,
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