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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Senior Phase Assessment – information for pupils and parents**

We have been delighted to see so many of our senior pupils in school over the last two weeks. The overall rates of attendance have been excellent and we have taken full advantage of this opportunity for pupils to complete essential practical work. We are now looking forward to welcoming others from Monday 15 March.

Following the updated announcement from Scottish Government earlier this week, we are pleased to confirm that all S5/6 pupils will be returning to school from Monday 15 March. As you will be aware this will be on a part time basis and initially remote learning will still be part of their weekly experience. Details of the exact timetable arrangements for this period will be issued in due course.

We are pleased that we can proceed with our plans as previously outlined. When our S5/6 year groups return to school in person, they can expect a short period of in-school learning and teaching time, which will help prepare for the Mock Exams which are due to commence on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April**. Please see the attached timetable.

During this period of in-school learning, subject teachers will continue to ensure that they provide appropriate guidance and support to prepare pupils for these Mock Examinations. A further opportunity to demonstrate attainment in subjects will be scheduled later in the term (provisionally 21 – 27 May 2021). These will take the form of in-class assessments.

It remains important that your child engages fully in all aspects of this work as it will assist in generating evidence towards provisional grades and preparation for the above noted assessment. Time spent revising at home will also be crucial to success. There are resources to support study planning on the school website, if required.

We know parents and pupils will be interested to receive feedback from staff on their engagement during this remote learning period and advice on next steps. We have therefore arranged a Parental Report which will be issued via ParentsPortal on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March**.



We hope this letter has provided you with more clarity in relation to the assessment timeline. We also acknowledge the anxieties and challenges faced by our young people, and we therefore hope that your child takes full advantage of the period of consolidation and revision which these arrangements allow.

We will continue to keep the S5 + S6 Year Groups informed of any relevant information regarding their National Qualifications and Mock Examinations at their assemblies.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing your child back at school in the near future.

Yours faithfully,

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