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Dear Award Winners, Parents and Colleagues,

It was with great disappointment that the Education Department had to cancel this year's Convener's Awards Ceremony. We were very much looking forward to celebrating all our award winners' remarkable achievements with you.

Although we are not able to get together in person at this time, I hope you will join us next week for an online celebration of our young people's hard work and outstanding success. The winners from each school will be featured on East Renfrewshire Council's Twitter, Facebook and website pages throughout next week as follows:

Mon 11 May PM	Barrhead HS
Tues 12 May AM	Eastwood HS
Tues 12 May PM	Isobel Mair School
Wed 13 May AM	Mearns Castle HS
Wed 13 May PM	St Luke's HS
Thurs 14 May AM	St Ninian's HS
Thurs 14 May PM	Williamwood HS
Fri 15 May AM	Woodfarm HS

To our Award Winners: unfortunately it is not possible to deliver your award crystals to you at present, however your certificates were posted out last week and should be with you soon. As part of our online celebration I would invite you to reply to the social media posts with a photo of yourself holding your certificate, if you feel you would like to do this. We hope to share a collection of these photos online later in the week. (Please note this is entirely optional. If you do want to take part in this way, please remember your online safety and make sure that your name is not visible in the photo, either by standing further away from the camera or by covering your surname.)

To Parents/Carers and Colleagues: I know you are very proud of our award winners' achievements and I would invite you to share your congratulations with them online by posting in the comments. I would also invite parents/carers to share the posts with friends and family who may wish to join us in congratulating the young people.

I look forward to joining with you next week in this celebration to recognise our award winners and their outstanding achievements.

Yours sincerely,

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