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Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Senior Phase Pupils: Key Dates**

As we near the end of a challenging school session, I would like to update you on the upcoming key dates which are of significance to our Senior Phase pupils and their families. In addition to this, I would like to commend our young people for the resilience and determination they have shown over the course of session 2020-2021, particularly as they have recently undertaken the assessments which will allow their teachers to form judgements on the provisional grades to be submitted to SQA. Most young people have now compiled the required volume of evidence, with only a few rearranged assessments remaining for a small number of candidates. An extensive quality assurance process is ongoing, and will ensure that all provisional grades to be submitted to SQA are fair, credible, and suitably-evidenced. Quality assurance has taken place at department/faculty, whole school and authority level, so that candidates can have confidence that they will be graded appropriately.

I would also like to pass on my best wishes to those young people in S4-S6 who will be leaving Bellahouston Academy in the coming weeks, to continue their learning journey elsewhere. I would like to thank them for the contribution they have made over their time here; I hope that they will look back fondly on the experiences they have had whilst at the school.

### **S4 and S5 Return to School**

On Monday the 14th and Tuesday the 15th of June we will offer an Induction Event for our S4 and S5 pupils who plan to return to school next session, so that they are fully aware of the next stage of the SQA Alternative Certification Model process. This will also allow us to ensure that our expectations of Senior Phase pupils at Bellahouston Academy are clear, in regards to commitment and behaviour. We will also detail the ways in which, as returning pupils, they can expect to be supported by staff.

At these Induction Events, pupils yet to complete the Senior Phase options process will have the opportunity to do so, and those who require further support to confirm the options choices already made will have scope to speak with the appropriate member of staff regarding this. Pupils will also be made aware of how they might revisit options choices, should they feel this necessary after they receive their SQA results. We will also ensure that our returning S4 and S5 pupils develop an understanding of the benefits of their Senior Phase curriculum for skills development and employability, and further publicise the remote and online learning resources which may be used by pupils as they embark on their new courses.

Sessions are as follows, and pupils will return home following the time slot allocated to them:

- **Monday 14th Periods 1&2 - S4 Arran and S5 Iona**

Venues: 4A1 - English Room 7; 4A2 – English Room 6; 5I1 - English Room 1; 5I2 – English Room 8.

- **Monday 14th Periods 5&6 - S4 Iona and S5 Arran**

Venues: 5A1 – Maths Room 3; 5A2 – Maths Room 7; 4I1 – Maths Room 4; 4I2 – Maths Room 5.

- **Tuesday 15th Periods 1&2 - S4 Mull and S5 Skye**

Venues: 4M1 – SS2; 4M2 – SS5; 5S1 – SS1; 5S2 – SS7.





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- **Tuesday 15th periods 5&6 - S5 Mull and S4 Skye**

Venues: 5M1 – English Room 7; 5M2 – English Room 4; 4S1 – English Room 1; 4S2 – Maths Room 3.

On **Wednesday the 16th of June**, S4 and S5 pupils will return to their timetables. This will give class teachers the opportunity to discuss - in general terms - how provisional SQA grades have been calculated in each subject area; however, class teachers will not be able to issue provisional grades at this stage, as whole-school quality assurance processes will be ongoing.

In the weeks beginning the **14th of June and the 21st of June**, some pupils will be required to spend additional time in particular subject areas to ensure that any remaining evidence for National 3 or National 4 qualifications has been banked. Any required arrangements will be communicated to the relevant pupils in due course; it is very important that they attend as instructed, and your support in ensuring this happens would be appreciated.

S6 pupils should only return to school if invited to do so by a particular department.

### **Provisional SQA Results**

Provisional SQA results will be issued to young people in S4-S6 by **Monday the 21st of June**. These results will be the same as those later certificated by SQA in August; provisional results will only be adjusted by SQA in the event of any administrative error.

On **Tuesday the 22nd of June**, S4 pupils will have the opportunity to make an appointment with an appropriate member of staff to discuss any issues in relation to their provisional SQA results. Depending on the specific issue to be discussed, this is likely to be either the relevant Principal Teacher of Pastoral Care, or a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

On **Wednesday 23rd of June**, S5-S6 pupils will have the opportunity to make an appointment with an appropriate member of staff to discuss any issues in relation to their provisional SQA results. Depending on the specific issue to be discussed, this is likely to be either the relevant Principal Teacher of Pastoral Care, or a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

### **S6 Leavers' Ceremony**

Unfortunately, due to circumstances outwith our control, we have been required to delay the date of our S6 Leavers' Ceremony, which will now take place on **Tuesday the 22nd of June**. Ms Nizam has made our S6 pupils aware of how they should inform the school of their intention to attend; it is important that they do so, so that we can plan accordingly for the required seating and catering. Unfortunately, we are not able to invite family members or friends of our S6 leavers to this event.

On the day of the ceremony, S6 leavers should ensure that iPads, chargers and any other relevant items (such as books or resources) are returned. S6 leavers who do not plan to attend the Leavers' Ceremony should return their iPads, chargers and any other items before Tuesday the 22nd of June. These should be submitted to the school office.

Yours faithfully,

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