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26<sup>th</sup> of March 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Spring Break and Return to School on Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> of April**

I would like to wish everyone within our school community an enjoyable break when school closes at 2.30pm on Thursday the 28<sup>th</sup> of March. All pupils will be welcomed back to school from their Spring Break at 8.50am on Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> of April.

On their return:

- Pupils should attend school and arrive at all lessons on time;
- Pupils should attend school each day with a fully-charged iPad, and the other materials they will need to engage properly with their learning;
- Pupils should be mindful of school rules in relation to mobile phones;
- Pupils should be in full school uniform when attending school.

We believe uniform is important in ensuring our pupils develop a sense of Belonging. Please remember that jogging trousers, tracksuits, leggings, and jeans are not uniform items, and should not be worn to school. A sketch-note detailing our uniform policy can be found on the school website using the link below:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/bellahoustonacademy2019/uniform/>

Thank you for your continuing to support the standards we expect of Bellahouston Academy pupils; by upholding these standards, we allow all young people to embody our school values of Belonging, Aspiration, Growth, Achievement, and Respect.

### **SQA Examinations**

We wish every success to our Senior Phase pupils who will soon be sitting SQA examinations, and hope that their independent study and revision programme is well underway. I am glad that so many pupils have taken up the offer of additional help from their teachers, in preparation for their examinations, coursework, and assessments. In addition to the After-School Supported Study programme which has been in place both before and after the December Prelim Diet, our pupils can also access an in-school programme of Spring Revision Classes, which will begin on Tuesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April. The timetable can be accessed on the school website using the link below.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/bellahoustonacademy2019/easter-supported-study/>

I would encourage all SQA candidates to make the most of the support on offer.

### **Study Leave**

For pupils in S4-S6, Study Leave will begin on Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> of April, meaning that their last timetabled day in school will be Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup> of April. During the Study Leave period, the following arrangements will be in place to support our S4-S6 learners:

- Alternative arrangements will be in place for young people in S4-S6 who have outstanding work yet to be completed for SQA Unit Assessments, so that this can be completed on time. School staff will be in touch with parents where pupils are not attending as requested, to ensure that qualifications are achieved.





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- Masterclass sessions in various subjects will be on offer for young people just prior to their SQA exam. This will ensure they have access to a subject specialist teacher able to support their final preparations as required. A timetable of masterclasses will be available on the school website following the Spring Break.
- An independent study space within the school building will also be made available for young people in S4-S6 who require this. Pupils who require this service will be asked to sign up in advance; details on the arrangements for this will be shared in due course.

Senior Phase pupils attending the school for **any** reason during Study Leave **must** be wearing full school uniform.

Our new timetable will begin following the completion of the SQA Examination Diet; pupils in S2 and S4-S5 should already have made options choices. Further information on the arrangements for the new timetable will be issued in due course.

### **S6 Leavers**

All S6 pupils are invited to attend an S6 Leavers' Breakfast on Friday 19th of April from 9.00 -10.30am with Mrs S Galloway and their Pastoral Care teachers. S6 pupils who have ordered hoodies will receive them at this time and we would also like to take an S6 year group photo. **We ask that all pupils wear full school uniform for this.**

Our S6 Leavers' Ceremony will take place on Friday 31st of May from 5-7pm. More information on the arrangements for this event will be issued after we return from Spring Break.

All leavers are asked to ensure that they return their iPads and chargers at the first available opportunity either to Mr Vanni in the Computing Department, or to the School Office. There will be staff at the Leavers' Breakfast ready to receive their devices and record that they have been returned.

### **Change of Date: May Inset Day**

Please note that there has been a recent update to our school's calendar; all Glasgow schools will now have an Inset day on **Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May** (rather than on Thursday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May, as previously intended).

If you have any questions in relation to the above, please get in touch with me, or one of my Pastoral Care or Depute Headteacher colleagues at the school.

I would like to close by wishing a very happy Easter to those within our school community preparing to celebrate it, and a peaceful and blessed time to those currently observing Ramadan, and who will shortly celebrate Eid.

Kind regards,

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