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Dear Parent/Carer,

Spring Break and Return to School on Tuesday the 22nd of April

I would like to wish everyone within our school community an enjoyable and well-earned break when school closes at 2.30pm on Friday the 4th of April. All pupils will be welcomed back to school from their Spring Break at 8.50am on Tuesday the 22nd 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 Monday the 7th of April. The timetable can be accessed on the school website using the link below.

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

Study Leave

For pupils in S4-S6, Study Leave will begin on Thursday the 24th of April, meaning that their last timetabled day in school will be Wednesday the 23rd 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 (our Supported Independent Study Programme) 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.

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. We will begin the new timetable on **Monday the 2nd of June**.

S6 Leavers

All S6 pupils are invited to attend an S6 Leavers' Breakfast on **Friday the 4th of April** from 11.00am - 12.30pm with their House Teams (Pastoral Care Teachers and Depute Headteachers). S6 pupils who have ordered hoodies will receive them at this time. All pupils who attend should be wearing full school uniform.

Further information on our Leavers' Ceremony (which takes place at the end of the session, and to which parents are invited) will be shared in due course.

All leavers are asked to ensure that they return their iPads and chargers 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, though we understand that some young people may want to keep their devices until they have undertaken their last SQA examination or assessment.

Primary Transitions Days

We are very much looking forward to welcoming young people currently in Primary 7, who will be joining our Bellahouston Academy family next session. Our next Transitions days will take place on **Thursday 29 May and Friday 30 May**. There will be an opportunity for the parents/carers of new pupils to meet their child's House Team (Principal Teacher of Pastoral Care and Depute Head Teacher) on the evening of **Thursday the 29th of May at 5.00pm**.

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.

Financial Inclusion Support Officer

I can also remind families about the services of our Financial Inclusion Support Officer, Sharon Graham, who has helped our families experiencing financial hardship claim over £3 million in benefits and entitlements since her role was created in 2019. Sharon can be contacted on the following telephone number: 0141 7735850.



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I would like to close by wishing a very happy Easter to those within our school community preparing to celebrate it. I also would like to send best wishes to those about to celebrate Vaisakhi. I hope, too, that our families who recently celebrated Eid had a joyous and peaceful time with friends and family.

Kind regards,

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