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Dear Parent/Carer,

SQA Examinations, Study Leave and New Timetable

We have enjoyed welcoming our young people back to school today following the recent Spring Break, and are looking forward to another busy term. So that the remaining weeks of the session are as productive and settled as possible, we would greatly appreciate our parents' and carers' continuing support in encouraging young people to meet our standards and expectations.

- 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. Whilst uniform standards remain very high, **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, courseworks, and assessments. In addition to the after-school Supported Study and Study Café programmes which have been in place both before and after the December Prelim Diet, some of our pupils also accessed our in-school programme of Spring Revision classes, which took place over the recent school holiday. Year groups involved in SQA Examinations have now had an SQA Assembly with our SQA Chief Invigilator to ensure that all candidates are clear on their responsibilities.

Study Leave

For pupils in S4-S6, Study Leave will begin on Wednesday the 22nd of April, meaning that their last timetabled day in school will be Tuesday the 21st of April. During the Study Leave period, the following arrangements will be in place to support our S4-S6 learners through our Supported Independent Study Programme (SISP):

- 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 to ensure that pupils are attending as required, so 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.
- An independent study space within the school building will also be made available for young people in S4-S6 who require this.

Senior Phase pupils attending the school for any reason during Study Leave must be wearing full school uniform. The timetable for these opportunities is available on the school website, and can be accessed via the link below:

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

During Study Leave, S1-S3 pupils will continue to follow their usual timetables.

New Timetable

Our new timetable is scheduled to 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.

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.

Kind regards,

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