

# Notre Dame High School

Update for Parents – April 2020



## Rest in Peace

As we return to school for the summer term, we remain united in grief over the loss of our friend, colleague and teacher Suzanne Salt. Mrs Salt passed away on Sunday 12 April. Thank you to those families and pupils who were able to join us in prayer at midday on Tuesday 14 April. Suzanne's family were able to join in and are so grateful for the support from our community. Given the current situation, Suzanne's funeral, on Wednesday 29 April, can only be attended by close family but will be streamed live via Facebook - the link below provides further details.

<https://www.dignityfunerals.co.uk/funeral-notices/12-04-2020-susan-anne-salt/>

I think it would be fitting if all staff and pupils stopped their work next Wednesday to participate in this service at 9.30 a.m.

Our Parent Council met online this week and decided to make a charitable donation in Suzanne's name. Her family would like this to be NHS Charities Together.

When schools resume, we will look forward to celebrating Suzanne's life and contribution to education through a memorial event.



*Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and  
let perpetual light shine upon her.*

*May she rest in peace. Amen.*

## Learning from Home

Our staff are working really hard to ensure that pupils have been given sufficient work at the correct level during the school closure period. As you are aware this is all being achieved through Microsoft Teams. Please encourage your daughter to complete a little work each day. In providing most accurate feedback in Music, our staff are happy to receive video footage, through Teams, of pupils as they practice instruments. Pupils are finding this most helpful but, if you have any concerns or would appreciate some advice, please don't hesitate to contact me at

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## Senior Phase Pupils

The summer term is an appropriate time for our Senior Phase pupils to begin focusing on their subjects for the following session. To support this, staff are placing subject materials, in folders, in the current Year Group Teams. For example, Maths work can be found as “2021 Maths” in the S3, S4 and S5 Teams. Whilst we don’t expect pupils to be teaching themselves, the materials available will allow them to begin familiarising themselves with the new coursework and, in some cases, reviewing important topics from last year in preparation for their future study.

## SQA

Before Easter, I was able to share with you the approach that will be taken to certificate pupils studying National Qualifications, Highers and Advanced Highers this year and this will now be more closely aligned to estimates. We have now received further information from SQA on the approach staff should be taking to producing these estimates and departments are already underway with this important task. Please be assured that the staff and myself will ensure that no young person will be disadvantaged by this revised approach.



## SQA Results

Pupils currently in S4, 5 and 6 are encouraged to sign up to MySQA. This will allow them to choose to receive their examination results by text message or email on results day - 4 August. Pupils can also double check the subjects they are registered for and will need their Scottish Candidate Number and an email address to register - [mysqa.org.uk](https://mysqa.org.uk)

## Notre Dame Staff Help Support Key Workers

Mr Hegarty from our Design and Technology department has spent his Easter holiday making personal protective equipment (PPE) to help key workers with the fight against Coronavirus. He has now made hundreds of face visors and these have been distributed to pharmacies, care homes and ASL schools in Glasgow.



## S1 Reports

Parents of our first year pupils are scheduled to receive an updated report on their daughter's progress during May. Whilst staff are working from home, they do not have access to the usual school reporting system but they are determined to ensure that you are provided with feedback on the girls' first year at secondary school. Mrs Henderson, DHT, has devised an alternative system to support this and parents will receive the report before the end of May.

## Provision for Children of Key Workers

We recognise that some key workers require a place for their children to be supported during this period of school closure, allowing them to undertake their important roles. The education department have moved to a Hub system and our school is aligned to the Hub based at Kelvindale Primary. Should any of our parents require this resource, please get in touch;

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