

# Notre Dame High School

Update for Parents – May 2020



## Provision for 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 City has 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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## Learning from Home – New Timetable 2020-2021

During May, it is normal for us to change timetable and all our pupils begin working on the next stage as a new year group, e.g. S1 become S2, S4 become S5.

Teachers have now created new Teams for their new classes and will be communicating with them, providing work for their new stage. Maths teachers will maintain the same classes for the time being.

If you are moving into S4, you will now focus on seven subjects with RE/PE/PSSE. If moving into S5, you will now focus on five subjects with RE/PE/PSSE.

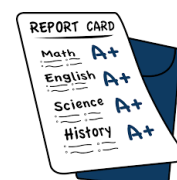
Following feedback from pupils, parents and staff, we have also designed a schedule for staff to allocate work. Now, each department will post new work on only one day each week. This should allow pupils to plan their activities more easily across the week. The schedule is below.

Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	English	Design technology
Tuesday	Maths	Performing Arts
Wednesday	Social Subjects	Health & Wellbeing/RE
Thursday	Science	Modern Languages
Friday	Business Technology	Consolidation Time



## S1 Reports

Staff have been working on these from home and they will be ready for posting to you week beginning 25 May.





## Food for Families Initiative

We are delighted to be working with the charity Fare Scotland who are providing food parcels for families in need. School staff are volunteering to deliver these to our families weekly, beginning on Thursday this week. Watch out for the text message/email from the Headteacher.

## Feast of St. Julie Billiart

Each year, we celebrate our Patroness, St. Julie Billiart, on 13 May. Ordinarily, we would celebrate Mass in St. Peter's church followed by a sponsored walk around our local area. This year is obviously quite different but the Sisters of Notre Dame have arranged a live streamed Mass on Wednesday 13 May from Immaculate Conception Church in Maryhill. This begins at 6.30 p.m. Hope you can join in.



## 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](http://mysqa.org.uk)

## Duke of Edinburgh

To assist in the successful completion of the D of E Award, some changes have been temporarily introduced. A full version of these changes can be found on the D of E website, as well as in the Young Person's online D of E account. There are also suggestions for new activities which may be useful if it is no longer possible to continue in one or more of the pupils' planned activities. The main changes are:

- Participants can change activities. Time already spent on a previous activity will count towards the new one.
- In terms of volunteering, this can now be done at home and with family (not routine chores which have already been done however!). An example of this could be mentoring younger family members, preparing meals and menus, devising creative projects for family entertainment, quizzes etc. Physical activity could be following an online keep fit programme.
- Our school D of E Coordinator, Mr Henry, will be permitted to act as Assessor during the lockdown.
- As ever, the best form of evidence is digital; photographs or video clips.
- Obviously, our Expeditions will be on hold for the present. Alternative Expedition dates have been agreed, but we will have to wait until these have been approved by relevant authorities, and you will be informed at the earliest time when this happens.

Many of our young people will already have completed an activity. These activities will be approved in due course. It is important that all Young People continue to engage with the D of E in these difficult times.

A fuller version of the changes can be found at <https://www.dofe.org/dofewithadifference>

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