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Dear Parent / Carer,

Weekly Summary

I hope that this finds you and your family well.

It has been wonderful to welcome all our pupils back into our school building – albeit at various different times across the week. Their attitude and commitment to respecting our whole school community and following Health and Safety Protocols has been so encouraging. Our Senior Phase pupils have enjoyed being back in class, following their timetable. Our S1-S3 pupils have concentrated on Reconnecting. Thankfully the weather has been kind to us this week and we have been able to hold these sessions outside. Next week, our S1-S3 will focus on Hope. We really appreciate this valuable face to face contact with our young people. It is ideal preparation for our whole school returning after the spring break.

If your child has PE, they can come to school in their PE kit (jogging trousers are acceptable) as PE changing rooms will not be available. If your child is in S1-S3, please make sure they are dressed appropriately for the weather. As you know, we are trying to work with pupils outdoors so it is important they wear a rain jacket, if rain is forecast. If you need any help with uniform or clothing, please contact your child's Pastoral Care Teacher.

Pupils in S1-S3 can participate in the Lateral Flow Testing Programme after the spring break. If you wish your child to participate, please complete the consent form which they can hand in to the School Office. We would ideally like to distribute tests prior to the break so that you have them for your child returning to school on the 20th April 2021. If your child is in S4-S6 and they wish to participate in the Lateral Flow Testing Programme, they can bring a completed consent form with them next week or you can e mail their form to their Year Head. We will distribute tests the next day your child is in next week. All the information you need about this – including the consent form – can be found on our school website.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/shawlandsacademy/covid-testing/> Consent forms can also be collected from the School Office.

Please encourage your child to join their year group assembly (on their year group team) on Monday morning at 8.45am – if they are in S1 or S2 – or Tuesday morning at 8.45am for S3. This change for S3 is to accommodate in person learning for ½ the year group on a Monday morning. Senior Phase assemblies will be shared via Teams – when young people are in school. Our assemblies will be also be posted on our school website so that you can talk to your child about this too.

As you know, this session SQA grades will be awarded through the Alternative Certification Model (ACM). The Scottish Qualifications Authority are keen to hear your views. They particularly want to know what you think about the Appeals Process for National Qualifications in 2021. This can be accessed through this link https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/96506.html?utm_source=news_story&utm_medium=website&utm_campaign=nq2021_appeals&utm_content=appeals_consultation_live. Mr MacBride also sent a link to a new document for all learners sitting National Qualifications this year. The document titled, '*What you need to know for 2021; National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher*', explains the process teachers will take to decide



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SQA grades this session. For parents and carers wishing to find out more, they should sign up to the SQA Blog at <https://blogs.sqa.org.uk/2021/category/parents/>

The Scottish Government has allocated two additional Inservice Days to Secondary Schools to assist in the delivery of the Alternative Certification Model for SQA qualifications. These two days have been confirmed as the 1st and the 7th June 2021.

Thank you to all parents and carers who have completed the Parent Carer Teacher Council Survey. You can still complete this here <https://bit.ly/2P0dz5D> If you have any general questions, please contact our Parent Carer Teacher Council directly via e mail shawlandsacademypctc@gmail.com . I am still meeting with the Chair of our PCTC each week, which is a really helpful way for us to keep the channels of communication open (particularly at this time).

I hope that you have a lovely weekend. We are really looking forward to welcoming your child back into our school building next week.

Very best wishes,

Mrs Pauline Carr
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If you require this letter in a different format or language, please let us know by phoning or e mailing the school (using the contact details provided).

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