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Dear Parent / Carer

SQA Examinations begin on Tuesday 26 April 2022. The SQA examination timetable is available on the school website: <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/nl/CardinalNewmanWebsite/>

Senior Phase Pupils - Study Leave

Study leave begins on Tuesday 26 April for S4 and S5 pupils who are sitting national examinations. Study leave ends on Friday 3 June. S4 and S5 pupils return to school full time on Monday 6 June. Pupils who are studying for national examinations may remain at home to study – with the agreement of their parents. All young people in S4/5/6 will be marked as being on study leave on the register.

Pupils can attend school as normal during study leave if they wish to do so. They should come to school as normal and attend subject departments as per their timetable.

If any pupil wishes to come to school to see a subject teacher about any aspect of the course or about national examinations during exam leave they should come at the normal class time. Any pupil attending school during study leave must come in full school uniform. All pupils must wear their full uniform if they are attending school to sit an examination.

The new 2022/23 timetable for the whole school begins on Monday 6 June.

S6 pupils

We have been saying goodbye to our current S6 class of 2022 at S6 Leaver Assemblies yesterday and today. Of course we will still be seeing S6 during the examination period and at future celebrating success events – and at the S6 Prom which will take place at the Strathclyde Double Tree Hilton on Wednesday 8 June. The event begins at 7.00pm. We have engaged an official photographer who will be available from 7.00pm to take group and individual photographs which can then be ordered.

Following **updated guidance from Scottish Government** and the Local Authority we have been able to make the following changes to our COVID19 mitigations:

- There are now no restrictions on parents, carers or wider family members entering school buildings, although they are expected to comply with the school's routine measures. (S2 and S1 parents' information evenings will now take place in person here in school). We have written to the parents of S2 pupils about next week's parents' evening.



- School transport guidance is now aligned with public transport - face coverings are no longer required.
- Face coverings are no longer required in classrooms, including for learners in the senior phase sitting national examinations. Learners and staff will continue to be supported to wear them if they choose to do so.
- School visits and trips are now permitted in line with the most recent guidance.
- Activities or clubs outside of the usual school timetable can recommence subject to appropriate risk assessment and mitigating factors.

Personal Hygiene

Washing hands thoroughly, at the right time, using appropriate facilities and products helps to prevent the spread of COVID-19. We will continue to encourage and support staff, children and young people to follow advice on good hand hygiene, and to ensure regular surface cleaning in schools and on school transport.

Please remember:

Children and young people need only stay at home and self-isolate if they:

- have symptoms of COVID-19, whether they feel unwell or not
- have tested positive, even if asymptomatic
- are required to self-isolate for any other reason in line with the requirements set out on NHS Inform

Every best wish

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert Smith', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Robert Smith

Head Teacher