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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you and your families are safe during this difficult time.

As we continue to follow the Scottish Government advice and stay at home, I am aware that many parents will be juggling with working from home while ensuring that their young people are keeping up with school work. Pupils may also be finding it difficult to do their school work out with the school setting. This is a very stressful time and I want to reassure you that the most important priority for everyone in the Our Lady's High School community is to look after our mental health and stay safe.

Home Learning

Routines can be beneficial, especially in the current circumstances and school work is available for all of our young people on our school website. Our staff are working hard at home to update the work every week and mark any completed work that they receive. The main source for home learning material is on our school website. Under Subjects you can choose the relevant department and look at the materials that have been placed there for use. We have been sending out regular emails to all parents and if you have not received them then please email enquiries@ourladys.n-lanark.sch.uk

I would also recommend following the school Twitter (@olhscumbernauld) and departmental Twitter pages for regular updates.

Glow is an excellent resource, in particular for its Office 365 tools. If you require a Glow username or password, then please contact enquiries@ourladys.n-lanark.sch.uk

When you log in and click on the Office 365 tile you can access Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Teams.



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Several departments have created Teams within Glow to share assignments and communicate with pupils there. When you click the Teams tile it will ask you for a join code. The join codes have been sent out by email. When you have joined a Team the main section called 'Posts' allows you to communicate directly with the teachers running the Team. If you require assistance or need a team code, please contact enquiries@ourladys.n-lanark.sch.uk

SQA

I know that many of our students are anxious about their SQA results and I want to reassure you that the staff of Our Lady's are working hard for our young people.

The SQA have created a new page on their website to keep learners up to date on what is happening with 2020 National Qualifications. This page will be updated as and when the SQA have further information.

Visit www.sqa.org.uk/2020nqlearners for more information and to view frequently asked questions.

The easiest way for learners to receive their National Qualifications results this summer is via the MySQA service.

Learners must sign up at www.mysqa.org.uk before 5 pm on **Tuesday 14 July 2020**. To register, all they need is their Scottish Candidate Number (SCN) and a valid email address. They can then choose to receive their results by text and/or email.

For learners already registered for MySQA, we're asking them to check their details are correct and update their preferences.

Learners expecting their results for National Courses, National Progression Awards, and Skills for Work courses, will receive their results no later than **Tuesday 4 August 2020**

'Stationary Drop'

We have organised a 'Stationary Drop' this Thursday to provide young people with any blank jotters, pencils etc. they may need for working at home. Sanitary products will also be available. The 'drop' will take place in the school car park (below the bus bay) from 1pm until 3pm. I would ask that everyone remembers social distance.

New Timetable

Obviously, we are not in a position to begin a new timetable when we are not in the school building however, from Monday 1st June students will move on to their new stage e.g. S1 will become S2. This means that pupils will have access to the next stage of learning through the various electronic means as described above. Pupils can access work for the subjects they have picked for S4, S5 and S6.

Primary 7 Transition

Primary 7 pupils will be taking part in our virtual transition this year. We are busy preparing an 'Introduction to Our Lady's' video which will introduce the young people to some of their teachers before they come to Our Lady's later in the year. This will be posted on our website and twitter.

We would also like to hear from our new pupils so Primary 7 who will be sent a link to an online questionnaire which they can complete and then submit. There will also be the opportunity to post any questions that they have about Our Lady's and we will respond on our website.

All of our primary colleagues are very busy sharing all of the information with us that they usually would be at this time of the year.

Please visit the Transition section on our website where new content will be added over the coming weeks.

S1 Reports

Reports for our S1 pupils will be sent to you by mid June as our young people finish their first year at Our Lady's. This will give you information on the progress that your child has made and indicate next steps.

I know that this letter is lengthy but wanted to share as much information as possible with you at this time.

If you need support with any aspect of this letter, please email enquiries@ourladys.n-lanark.sch.uk

We are really missing our pupils and the ability to meet as a community every day. We are working hard to prepare for a time when it is safe for us all to be together again.

Kind regards

Mrs Cunningham

Head Teacher