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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families are well. I am writing to update you on a number of matters as is customary at the end of term.

Easter Break

School closes on **Thursday, 2nd April at 2:30pm** for the Easter break. School returns for all young people at **8:50am on Monday, 20th April**.

Termly Newsletter

Our Spring Term 'Sway' will be shared with you via link this week with lots of information on the many activities and events which have taken place in our school over the course of this term. Please look out for that.

Study Planning

During the holiday period, it is crucially important that pupils preparing for examinations strike a healthy balance between ensuring they look after their wellbeing whilst making sure they are preparing for their examinations.

Supporting your child to set up a sensible study plan with plenty of free-time built in as well as days off will be useful. It is important that our Senior Phase young people are studying – but equally important that they do not suffer burn-out; they both deserve and need a break too! If you want any support or have questions about how best to help your child in preparation for the examinations, please get in touch.

Qualifications Scotland Examination Diet

Young people in S4, S5 and S6 will return to school on Monday, 20th April.

For S6 young people, their last day is Monday, 20th April. Mrs Bell will communicate further details of plans for this day. Thereafter, they will commence full-time study leave, attending only for their timetabled examinations.

For S4 and S5 pupils, study leave will commence on Wednesday, 22nd April, making their last day in school Tuesday, 21st April. However, those undertaking examinations in N5, Higher or Advanced Higher Spanish, which is scheduled for Wednesday, 22nd April, will begin study leave a day early to afford them time to prepare for this exam. This means that those pupils' last day in school will be Monday, 20th April.

The exam diet commences on Wednesday, 22nd April and extends until Tuesday, 2nd June,

inclusive.

During study leave, there will be some provision in school for S4, S5 and S6 pupils as follows: On a planned basis, study space will be available for those young people who wish to attend school for a quiet place to work. These young people should communicate with their Year Heads in the first week of the new term and prior to attending on any given day. Any pupil attending school at any time must attend school wearing full school uniform. They must also report to their year heads who can help to ensure supervision.

For those young people in S4 sitting one or fewer National 5 examinations, there will be a bespoke timetable on offer as well as the possibility of some taster programmes during the month of May. Further details will be provided in due course.

Subject Choices / Timetable for 2025-2026

Our S2, S3, S4 and S5 young people have been completing their subject choices in recent weeks with the final discussions to be completed in the first week back post-Easter.

Year Heads will communicate the outcome of the subject choice process with young people throughout May and into June.

For current S1, S2 and S3 young people, our new timetable starts on Tuesday, 26th of May; those young people currently in S4 and S5 will return in early June, following the conclusion of the QS exam diet. Year Heads will be in touch with specific details in due course.

Staffing and Recruitment

There will be a number of changes to our teaching staff over the coming weeks and months. This is a normal part of the school calendar with probationer teachers and fixed-term staff moving on to new posts, retirements, secondments, external promotions, and such like.

I will write to you early in the new term to update you and again before the end of the session to keep you posted.

I would like to advise, however, that yesterday, following assessment centre and interview, I have been formally appointed as Acting HT of our school for a period of up to 23 months. I am delighted to be formally appointed to this role and very much look forward to leading our school going forward.

I trust you have found this letter useful. As always, there is a lot to update on. Please do not hesitate to get in touch should you wish to discuss any aspect of your child's learning or wellbeing. We are always happy to help.

I wish you and your families a lovely break and a wonderful Easter period.

Best wishes,

Brian Gallagher
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