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**Head Teacher**  
Mr Brian McDermott

Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope my letter finds you and yours well. I am writing in follow-up to my letter dated 31<sup>st</sup> March.

### FAO Parents of young people in S4, S5 and S6: SQA Examination Diet

As of the close of the school day today, all young people in S4, S5 and S6 will be on formal study leave. **This means that they do not attend school in the normal way.**

Young people in the Senior Phase attend school only to undertake their timetabled examinations. The exam diet commences on **Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> April.**

All young people were provided with a bespoke copy of their exam timetable at assemblies held this week. However, the complete SQA examination timetable can be accessed via the SQA directly, using this link: <https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/41619.html>

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 directly, and in advance of attending, so that we can ensure adequate adult supervision; they should also attend school wearing full school uniform.
- For those young people in S4 sitting one or fewer National 5 examinations, there will be a bespoke timetable on offer. Details have been provided via Mr Shannon, head of S4.

If you want to discuss how best to support your child with study-planning and exam preparation, please get in touch with their Pupil Support Teacher. There are lots of different sources of help and support for young people (and parents/carers) around this area and we are here to help.

Estimated grades were exported to the SQA in line with their nationally-set deadlines this week. These estimates are evidence-based, meaning that they are based on the demonstrated attainment of your child across the school year in accordance with the professional judgement of teachers, supported by in-school, across-authority and SQA Quality Assurance procedures.

If you have any questions about the SQA processes in place this session, please get in touch with your child's Head of Year, or Mr Houston (Depute Head Teacher and SQA Coordinator).

### Covid-19 Mitigations

In-keeping with the national picture around Covid-19 mitigations, we have gradually eased the requirements/expectations around mask wearing, distancing, regular testing, and activities in communal areas - whilst encouraging young people to continue to follow the Scottish Government's *guidance* and employ common sense.

All young people are welcome to continue to wear face coverings in school should they wish to do so. If you have concerns or questions around this, please get in touch with your child's Pupil Support Teacher.

### Staffing and Recruitment

Ms Hewitt (Depute Head Teacher and Head of S2), leaves All Saints' today to take up a temporary (secondment) position with the West Online School as a Development Officer. Whilst we will miss her a great deal – she has been an outstanding servant to our community for over 13 years – this is only temporary, and we look forward to welcoming her back in due course. Ms Hewitt leaves us with the best wishes of everyone associated with our school community.

The process to recruit Ms Hewitt's temporary replacement began just before the Easter holidays and will be concluded later today. I will write to all parents to let you know the outcome, and specifically to parents of young people in S2, next week.

As always, please don't 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 all a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Brian McDermott  
Head Teacher  
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