



Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been a very busy time in school as we near the holidays and a good time to update you on a few matters.

SQA news for Higher and Advanced Higher

As you will have seen from the news both Higher and Advanced Higher examinations have now been cancelled by the SQA. This link <https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/95157.html> provides more information regarding this. We await further guidance from the SQA as to plans for assessment. We anticipate that it will be very similar to National 5 and our staff have been working hard putting everything in place to support our students.

National 5

Hopefully, you received the email we forwarded on behalf of the SQA regarding assessment for National 5 courses. Your child has also received an email and I would really appreciate you checking that they have read this. Again, a link to the letters can also be found above.

Assessment Window in January

Our second assessment window in January is going ahead as planned with a few tweaks based on the recent announcements from the SQA regarding assessment and examinations. I would really appreciate you encouraging your son/daughter to attend the Study Support sessions in place which we are so pleased to be able to provide. It is vitally important that they give their best efforts to all assessment opportunities as a selection of these are what will be used to provide their final estimated grade.

S1 Parents' Night Update

Thank you again for your feedback regarding our Parents' Night. As you know, where possible, we tried to telephone or email if the video link did not work. However, telephones with outside lines are only available in staff bases and staff with back to back appointments would have struggled to fit this in. We are currently considering our next steps based on all feedback from within our school community and from other schools across the city.

Extra-curricular

Like you, we were disappointed that City of Edinburgh was not moved down to Tier 2 last week. However, we are hopeful that this will happen soon. Once this is in place, we can look to start extra-curricular clubs which are provided by staff who are not employed by CEC. We very much look forward to being able to provide more opportunities for our young people.

Collecting for the elderly and community at Christmas

I was delighted to see how generous our school community had been, with a message sent last week to let everyone know that we had received sufficient donations to meet all of our commitments. I am extremely grateful to Mrs McGregor who coordinates all of this work to ensure that no-one in our community is forgotten.

End of Term – Tuesday 22 December 12pm finish

You will have received a message from Councillor Perry to let you know that there has been no change to term dates and school closes on Tuesday 22 December. Please note that to accommodate our staggered finish to the day, students will leave as follows:

S1 11.45am

S2 11.50am

S3 11.55am

S4-6 12.00pm

I cannot believe that there is only one more opportunity to be in touch before the holidays.

I do hope that you are finding opportunities to relax amidst all the planning and preparation that the run up to Christmas so often involves.

Until next week, please do take care, stay connected and, most importantly, stay safe.



Hazel Kinnear
Head Teacher