



19 March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been so lovely to welcome back all of our students at some point in the past week. The sunshine has also been very welcome and has helped to ensure that all of our students in S1-3 enjoyed some PE outside as part of their half day in school. The feedback from staff, parents and young people has been very positive (apart from the earlier rise out of bed) and it really does feel as though we are rebuilding the physical community of our school. We are all now just really looking forward to bringing everyone back in to school after Easter if the First Minister's current timeline is followed.

Current Engagement Reports

Just to provide a little more information regarding this additional report which we sent last week. The new Student Engagement reports were designed to provide a snapshot of engagement for the current week. These do not in any way reflect engagement prior to this point which would have been shared through Parents' Night and our regular Tracking Reports. The Engagement Report was developed over the past few weeks to provide more immediate information for parents/carers regarding online learning. This was to streamline the process for staff and parents/carers and to improve the sharing of information.

We are currently planning for a second issue of Student Engagement on 26 March.

S3 LEAPS Events

We are really pleased that the S3 LEAPS workshops are going to be delivered online this year rather than being cancelled. This is just the first in a series of supports for S3s who are considering university. There are 2 groups who will be taking advantage of this support with the first group taking place on Tuesday 30 March and the second group taking place on Monday 26 April.

SQA – Friday Drop-in Sessions

As staff work with all the advice and updates from the SQA and we formalise our plans for assessments, please note that Ms Barnett (acting DHT) runs a weekly online drop-in session for all students in S4 -6 on a Friday at 12.30pm. This is an opportunity to ask questions and please remember that no question is a stupid one. Do encourage your son/daughter to pop along for any concerns or general reassurance.

SQA Assessments

Please note that we are also creating a one stop booklet which collates all the assessment requirements for each course. We very much hope that this will provide reassurance and

support for our young people and their families in terms of what is required. This booklet will be shared next week.

Senior Tracking Reports

Next week will also see us issue the next Tracking Report for all students in S4 – S6. This report will be of great help in identifying just how much work is required between now and the end of the school session.

Lateral Flow Testing after Easter

You may have heard that these asymptomatic tests are to be offered to students in S1-3 as well as senior students and staff after Easter. We will be issuing consent forms next week so that we can issue tests the following week. Please note that we cannot issue any tests without this form.

Covid-19 – Close Contacts

Just a little reminder to ask you to remind your son/daughter about keeping a note of close contacts from their walks to/from school as well as break and lunchtime. This should be recorded on their phone or iPad. We are reminding them of this but it would be great to have your support too.

And lastly, I really do hope that this sunny weather continues and that you and your family have a lovely weekend.

As always, do take care, stay connected and mostly importantly, stay safe.



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