



Dear Parents/Carers,

As school has settled into a more normal routine I have returned to my previous pattern of a monthly update. However, please be assured that additional communications will be sent as and when required.

I do hope that you and your families enjoyed the longer holiday weekend as we really do appreciate just how challenging keeping energy levels up has been for so many of our school community.

### **Alternative Certification Model**

We are just coming to the end of our third week of assessments and our students have been coping very well. As always, we really appreciate your support in keeping them focused, reminding them to attend Study Support and helping them to plan their revision. As you will be aware their Provisional Results will be issued by the school before we break for the summer holiday and there will be more information coming regarding this.

### **Lateral Flow Testing**

Do please continue to encourage your son/daughter to bring their consent form and collect their Asymptomatic Tests. The more of us who engage with the testing, the safer our school community will be.

### **Staffing**

As many of you may already know, we have two important retirements at the end of the session. Mrs Shionagh Primrose in Art has been with us since 2000 and Mrs Angela Bell, one of our Depute Head Teachers has been with us since 2004. We will be wishing them all the very best for the future at our virtual assemblies at the end of term.

In terms of new appointments, I am delighted to share that we have appointed two new Depute Headteachers for next session – Mr Andy Bryce and Ms Mairi MacDermot.

There will be a number of new appointments taking place over the next few weeks and we will also be notified of our probationer teachers. I will therefore share all of this in my final communication at the end of term.

### **P7 Transition**

We are very pleased to be able to offer a mini-tour to our feeder primary schools to enhance the virtual transition programme which all schools in Edinburgh are running. It really will be lovely to be able to offer this reassurance and additional support.

### **S1 – 3 Tracking Reports**

Please look out for the Tracking Report next week. We are continuing to email these due to the positive feedback regarding this method – no more lost reports found at the bottom of bags!

### **S6 Leavers**

We are currently finalising plans for a very small, low key farewell to our S6 on Friday 11 June. We are extremely restricted by Covid-19 mitigations but are working closely with our House Captains to come up with a safe and suitable ending to their time in school.

### **End of Term Arrangements**

And finally, as we plan virtual assemblies and rewards for the end of term I thought it might be helpful to remind everyone that the end of term is Friday 25 June at 12.00pm, as indicated by the council earlier in the session.

The weather forecast looks very positive for this weekend and I really hope that you and your family have the chance to enjoy some time outside.

Please do take care, stay connected, and most importantly, stay safe.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and curves, likely representing the name Hazel Kinnear.

Hazel Kinnear  
Head Teacher