



Dear Parent/Carer,

Yesterday the Depute First Minister announced that the examination diet in 2021 would commence on 13th May and that while there will be no examinations for National 5 both the Higher and Advanced Higher exams will proceed as normal. I am writing separately to the parents of all pupils in S4-S6 to provide further insights.

Meanwhile we continue to operate and plan on the basis that pupils will be attending on a full-time basis throughout the session. Compared to many schools we have been fortunate that relatively few pupils have had to isolate due to COVID-19. Your cooperation in ensuring that that continues to be the case is much appreciated. The main challenge comes from unnecessary contact between households. This will be important during the October holiday. I appreciate that there is a natural desire, particularly amongst teenagers, to wish to socialise with their friends. However, they see each other during the school day and in our co-curricular sports programmes. With hindsight, a number of instances of isolation and disruption to families need not have occurred if unnecessary contacts had not taken place. Please ensure that your child brings a fresh face covering to school each day.

Further guidance on P.E. and sport is due next week. At present it seems unlikely that we will be able to use our indoor sports facilities in the near future. However, subject to this guidance, it does appear that we will be able to sustain the sports activities already underway in secondary. Mr McCall will be writing to Primary parents to set out the arrangements for restarting some activities with these age groups.

Despite the many constraints on our lives at present, I hope everyone is able to enjoy the forthcoming holiday week.

Kindest regards
Paul Thomson

Charity Donation

S6 would like to thank everyone who donated on our Dress Down Day. A total of **£1,685** was raised for our three very worthy charities. The money raised throughout the year will make a huge difference to them and this is a fantastic start to the fundraising this year.

S6 Charity Committee.

Term Dates 2021-22

At its recent meeting the Board approved the term dates for next session. You can view these [here](#).

Keeping Track of Assignments in O365

Microsoft have updated the way that pupils view assignments to make it much easier to keep track of assignments and when they are due.

When a pupil clicks on the **Assignments** button (LHS of the screen on a computer or bottom of the screen on a phone) it will now take them to a page showing **ALL** of their assignments for **ALL** of their subjects in date order.

The following video summarises the changes: <https://youtu.be/aLr59ngYfUo>

Primary Uniform

We would remind parents that Primary reverts to the normal uniform requirements after the October holiday. Full details can be found [here](#).

As before, on the day that pupils have P.E. or an after-school sports activity they should come to school in their P.E. kit. They may wish to wear jogging trousers compliant with the uniform code during colder weather.

Forthcoming Events

October

Friday 9 In-service Day – **Pupil Holiday**
Mon 12-Fri 16 October Holiday
Monday 19 School recommences for all pupils

November

Mon2+ Tues3 Instrumental Instruction Parents' Evening (Virtual)
W5, Tu10, Th12 Primary Parents Meetings (Virtual)
Thursday 12 S1 Interim Parents' Evening (Virtual)
Wednesday 18 S5-S6 Parents' Evening (Virtual)
Tuesday 24 AGM (Virtual)
Mon 23 to S4 Mock Examinations
Wed 2 Dec
Tuesday 22 Term ends 12.00 noon