



22nd April 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Timetable 2020/2021

I write to inform you that, given the absence of SQA examinations this year, we have taken the decision to bring forward the start of our new timetable to next Monday, 27th April. As there is now no exam leave, we would expect all pupils to start new courses on Monday.

We would normally share hard copies of individual pupil timetables in advance but given the circumstances will be unable to do so this year. Instead we hope to email all pupils to their GLOW address a copy of their new timetable as soon as possible. As each timetable will require to be downloaded manually in order to be emailed, this may take us a little while so please bear with us. In the meantime, I can inform you that the majority of pupils who were choosing courses will have been given their choices and that those who have not should have had contact by now from Guidance staff. As teaching staff have already started to invite pupils to join virtual learning groups, pupils will also by now have a good idea of the courses they will be undertaking. If parents or pupils feel an error has been made in their timetable, I would ask that they [contact the school](#) as soon as possible.

We would normally have induction events for both S5 and S6 but obviously these are not possible in the existing formats. However, the support department are currently giving consideration to the form such inductions could take under the circumstances.

Remote Learning

Until further notice, of course, this timetable will be delivered by remote learning, so the period slots that appear on timetables will only provide an indication of subject areas and proportion of time allocated. However, going forward we will consider if it is possible in some cases to align remote inputs with the actual times they appear on the timetable. We will provide further guidance on remote learning to pupils and parents in the near future, as well as a summary of the findings of our recent parental survey on remote learning and the actions we aim to take in response.

SQA

As you may be aware, the Scottish Qualifications Authority issued further guidance to schools on Monday of this week on the process for arriving at school estimates, which the SQA will use as the basis for awards this session. You can read the SQA statement [here](#). We have already discussed this guidance in detail at senior management team and will facilitate further professional collaboration over the coming weeks to ensure that the estimates we provide to SQA in May are as robust as they can be.

As always, I wish you and your family all the best at this difficult time and thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

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Mr J Devine
Headteacher