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Dear Parent/Carer

Now that the whole secondary has been back for two weeks, I felt it would be a good time to provide you with some updates regarding this term. For once, I will not be writing about school regulations regarding the pandemic, beyond saying that we are very pleased by the level of compliance of pupils with the many arrangements that have been put in place. Let's hope we can stay safe and largely COVID-free between now and the summer break.

Uniform

You will be aware that we are reintroducing uniform from August 2021. I know that many parents will leave the purchase of uniform until later in the year but now that shops are reopening I felt it as well to give you this reminder now. You will find details of our secondary dress code on the school website [here](#).

Change of Timetable

As with most other schools we have moved back the date for our change of timetable when pupils will move up in year group. This would normally happen in May but to maximise time for SQA learning and assessment it will now take place on Monday 14th June. At this point, if your child is in S1, they will begin to follow their S2 timetable and so on. This is also the point at which those senior pupils who are not returning are likely to leave school. We are also looking into creating some opportunities for wider achievement towards the end of week beginning Monday 7th June, which are likely to include outdoor and other experiences. We will keep you posted as our planning on these days develops.

Additional INSET Days

I have already shared with parents of S4-6 pupils a letter from Perth and Kinross Council advising that there will be two additional, nationally stipulated, INSET days during this term to allow for work on SQA certification to take place. I anticipate that the local authority will shortly be sharing this information with S1-3 parents too but felt it would be useful to include it in this letter to allow parents maximum notice for making any necessary arrangements. **These days will fall on Monday 17th May and Tuesday 1st June and the school will be closed to all secondary pupils.** Additional details will follow. Please note: for those with primary-aged children, both the nursery and primary will be fully open on both days.



SQA

We continue to work in collaboration with Perth and Kinross Council to ensure that our arrangements in place for SQA certification are both robust and in line with national guidance. There will be an update on these arrangements, with an opportunity to ask questions, at the forthcoming Parent Council meeting, about which you were advised yesterday. The Parent Council Meeting will also provide a forum for discussion on any matter of interest or concern to parents, so please do join us virtually if you can.

Yours faithfully



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