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Dear Parent/Carer

Emergency Fire Evacuations

As you may already be aware, we have had 2 emergency fire evacuations this week which have caused considerable disruption to the school day.

We have been advised that the first of these on Monday was an accidental activation caused by fumes in one of the science laboratories. Further investigations and equipment checks are currently being undertaken by the Science department.

The second activation which happened at lunchtime today is still under investigation. As yet, we have not yet been able to rule out a malicious activation and would therefore welcome any information young people may have on its cause. Anyone with information should speak to their guidance teacher or to a member of the Senior Management Team.

Any emergency evacuation causes disruption, however the timing of these has been particularly unfortunate in that it has affected the delivery of prelims for SQA examinations. In addition to the logistical challenges presented by this, we fully appreciate the additional distress caused to pupils at an already stressful time and we will ensure that no-one has been disadvantaged by these.

The timing also affected Tayside Contracts' ability to deliver school lunches and we are grateful to their staff for their efforts to ensure that as normal a service as possible has been delivered in trying circumstances.

If a malicious activation is confirmed, this is a very serious matter. Please be assured that this will be dealt with appropriately.

Yours faithfully

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