**Head teacher weekly update**

**Friday 7th May 2021**

Dear Parent / Carer,

A public holiday on Monday and an in-service day on Thursday meant that we only had the pupils with us for three days this week.

Here is the news for week 4-7 May:

1. **Forthcoming dates for your diary**

The next holiday dates are as follows:

Monday 31 May holiday

Tuesday 1 June in-service

Monday 7 June in-service

Friday 25 June school closes at 1pm for the summer holidays

We are hoping to change timetable on Monday 14th of June. This depends on a variety of factors, including SQA provisional grade entries. We will be in touch nearer the time with more details.

On the last week of term (21st – 25th June), we are hoping to plan the following events:

Monday 21 June P7 in school

Tuesday 22 June P7 in school

Junior awards in the evening (virtual)

Wednesday 23 June S6 graduation event

Thursday 24 June Activities (covid regulations permitting)

Friday 25 June Close at 1pm

1. **Parent council**

A reminder that the next meeting of the parent council will be on Monday 17th May. This will be the AGM.

If any parent not already part of the PC would like to take to attend, please contact our school office for entry instructions (the meeting takes place over zoom).

1. **Assessment period three – practical week**

Pupils across S4-6 have just completed their third assessment period. Next week practical subjects will be focusing on their assessments and in some cases this means that S4-6 pupils may have a whole day in that department to complete an assignment / task. Good luck to them all.

Otherwise, the pupils will now start meeting with teachers to have learning conversations about their progress. This will inform the pupils on where they currently are, and what they need to do next – prior to the fourth and final assessment period at the end of third month and into the month of June. We will prepare and issue an assessment calendar for this time period. Ms Cole will get that to pupils in the next few weeks and we will text parents to alert them to this going on the website.

Finally, a reminder that S4-6 pupils should be attending raising attainment booster classes that are on after school, remotely, each week. Pupils got information about this via their PSE MS team.

1. **Late coming**

Pupils should be in class at 8.50am as this is when learning and teaching starts. The warning bell goes at 8.40am to let pupils know the doors are open and they should use this 10 min period to make their way to lessons.

**Since we returned to school full time after Easter, we have been disappointed by the number of our pupils arriving late to school each day – after 8.50am.**

We are very aware that many of these young people will have left home in good time but have somehow managed to arrive in late (typically with a friend or two). As a result we will be texting you each time your child is late in the morning to alert you to this. If pupils are repeatedly late, we will phone and may also write to you.

Punctuality is an important life skill and essential for our learners as they move on to the workplace, training or further/higher education. I am asking for parental support in ensuring that our young people are on time for school each day. Thank you, as ever, for your ongoing support.

With best wishes to you and your family,



Lynne Hollywood

Head Teacher