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Dear Parent/Carer

S4-6 Study Leave arrangements / Grade Booster Days and Easter Study

During the period of study leave class teachers will operate their normal timetable. Pupils will have the opportunity to attend their timetabled classes to study, access support/advice from staff or complete coursework. It is essential that when pupils attend school, they follow their timetabled classes and register as normal at 8.30am or with the school office.

Please note pupils reporting to school are still required to adhere to our school dress-code.

S6 Pupils

From Monday 24 April, all S6 pupils will commence study leave. Pupils will only be required to come into school to sit their National Examinations however can attend timetabled classes as normal. S6 last day activities will be planned for Friday 21 April. More details will follow.

S5 Pupils

From Monday 24 April all S5 pupils will commence study leave. Pupils will only be required to come into school to sit their National Examinations however can attend timetabled classes as normal.

For pupils sitting Higher Photography or Higher PE, they will commence their study leave on Thursday 20 April.

S4 Pupils

From Monday 24 April all S4 pupils sitting 4 or more National 5 qualifications commence study leave. Pupils will only be required to come into school to sit their National Examinations however can attend timetabled classes as normal.

Pupils sitting 3 or less National 5 qualifications will have 3 days leave before any exam along with the date of the exam. At all other times pupils will be expected to attend school and access their normal timetabled classes or planned Meaningful May activities.

Meaningful May Activities

Meaningful May activities are intended for pupils who are sitting coursework only courses or are sitting only a few exam based courses. Part one of Meaningful May will run from Monday 24 April until Friday 5 May. Pupils will attend classes as normal and complete course work. From Tuesday 9 May pupils will be involved in an employability programme and will be asked to attend out of class activities. Details will follow. Those pupils who are still to achieve qualifications in literacy and numeracy will be targeted for support.

From Monday 29 May, the new timetable will begin.

Grade Boosters Days

We are once again running a series of grade booster days to support pupils in preparation for their examinations. These normally take place a few before the final exam. Details will follow shortly. Pupils will be informed by their class teachers where and when to attend and we will text and email you in advance to remind you of the days and times. We strongly encourage our pupils to participate in these days as it will boost exam performance.

Easter Study

We are running several Easter Study classes during the school holidays and details can be found [here](#)

Saturday School

Saturday school pupils are reminded of Grade Booster days which will take place as follows:

- 4 April - National 5 Biology and Higher Maths – 10am until 2pm
- 5 April – Higher Biology and National 5 Maths - 10am until 2pm

- 15 April - National 5 Biology and Higher Maths – 10am until 2pm
- 22 April - Higher Biology and National 5 Maths - 10am until 2pm

SQA Assemblies – Exam Timetables

We will be holding assemblies for S4-6 Pupil on Monday 17 April and issuing individualised timetables. As always, please do not hesitate to contact the school should you have any queries.

Yours faithfully,

Ross Hunter

Head Teacher

