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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Head Teacher Update – 26 April 2022**

I hope this correspondence finds you safe and well.

This term promises to be a very busy one, so I hope this brief update just before the long weekend is useful to you.

### **Leavers' Event**

We hosted a very successful leavers' event on Friday, 22 April 2022, and I'd like to wish pupils every success in life beyond school. Mr Wellcoat has prepared a leavers' video for the class of 2022:

<https://youtu.be/Xbo1-wIemYM>.

### **SQA Exam Diet**

Our senior pupils have started study leave and we wish them every success in their exams, all of which would not have been possible without the support of parents/carers and staff across the school. All pupils must be in full school uniform when accessing the building during their study leave.

SQA and the Scottish Government have published a joint message with regards to the exam diet and public health advice as detailed below. The advice aims to provide information on the Scottish Government's public health guidance, which is set to change in Scotland from 1 May:

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Yours faithfully

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## Exams 2022 and public health advice: a joint message from the Scottish Government and SQA

### Information for parents, carers and learners

We understand that parents and carers may be anxious about the impact public health guidance may have on whether learners should attend exams if they feel unwell, and we know that many will look to you for advice. To that end we encourage you to use the following information with your networks:

The exams taking place over the next six weeks are a chance for all learners to demonstrate their hard work, skills and knowledge.

Please continue to follow public health guidance, including during the exam period.

The Scottish Government's [current public health guidance](#) remains in place up to and including 30 April. This asks individuals to self-isolate if they are experiencing symptoms of COVID and to book a PCR test.

However, as per the Test and Protect Transition Plan published on 15 March 2022, public health guidance is set to change in Scotland from 1 May.

As set out on the Public Health Scotland website, this new guidance will be published on [NHS Inform](#) on 1 May and will broadly align with the [current UKHSA 'Stay at Home' advice](#) that asks children and young people to stay at home if they have a high temperature **and** feel unwell.

It is important that you speak to the school/college if you cannot attend the exam for any reason so that you get the advice and support you need on next steps.

More information about attending exams can be found in '[Your Exams 2022](#)' on the SQA website.

### Key Dates

SQA examinations begin	Tuesday, 26 April 2022
Holiday	Monday, 2 May 2022
Inset	Thursday, 5 May 2022
P7 Information Evening	Wednesday, 18 May 2022
Reading Week	Monday, 23 May 2022 – Thursday, 26 May 2022
Holiday	Friday, 27 May 2022
SQA Exams finish	Wednesday, 1 June 2022
Return of new S5/6	Monday, 6 June 2022
P7 Visits	Wednesday, 8 June 2022 & Thursday, 9 June 2022
S6 Prom	Thursday, 9 June 2022
School closes 1pm	Friday, 24 June 2022

I would like to wish you and your family a very relaxing holiday weekend.