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Dear Parent/Guardian

SQA Exam Changes for 2021

SQA have stated that there will be no formal examinations for pupils sitting National 5 qualifications in 2021. The estimated grade assigned to your child will be based on the attainment evidence that will be gathered throughout the course of the year. For each subject studied, your child will complete a number of 'extended assessments', some of these will be in class and others will take place in the assembly hall. It is essential that your child works hard to achieve their full potential in all of these extended assessments as this is the evidence that staff will use to inform the assessment judgements when assigning an SQA estimated grade.

Higher and Advanced Higher examinations will proceed as before and prelim examinations will be held in mid-January/early February.

Covid-19: Keeping everyone safe

During the October break, if you have been on holiday abroad which requires a 14 day isolation period, please keep your child at home as required and telephone the school to let us know.

If your child has symptoms: a high temperature, a new and continuous cough or the loss/change to taste and smell then you should keep them at home and arrange to have a test done. Please inform the school that they are being tested and inform us of the results when they arrive. If the test is negative, the child can return to school.

If someone else in the household has symptoms and is being tested, please keep your child at home, if the result is negative, your child can return to school immediately. Please inform the school that testing is being carried out.

Please ensure that your child has a face covering each day that they attend school and remind them to wear it in corridors and social areas. We have purchased washable face masks for all pupils, these will be distributed on Wednesday morning.

In August, we provided every child with a pencil case with the stationary resources required for learning, please ensure that your child brings this to school each day as it reduces the sharing of materials in school.

As we move towards winter, the school is getting colder, please ensure that your child is wrapped up warmly, preferably layering their clothing to keep warm in class. While the heating is on, the windows and doors need to remain open to reduce the potential spread of Covid. We are

continuing with our cleaning protocols at the start and end of each class as well as sanitising on entry to buildings. Working together will keep us all safe.

A huge thank you to everyone who donated food on Friday 9 October for the Maybole Food Bank; almost 1000 items were donated! Crossraguel House donated the most, winning the house points.

If you have any issues you would like to discuss with regards your child's learning, please contact their Guidance Teacher in the first instance; if you call the school office on the above number, they will be able to direct your call.

Thank you for your continued support and please do not hesitate to contact me at the school if you have any matters of concern that you wish to discuss.

Yours sincerely

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