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Dear Parent/Carer

There is a lot happening in the school over the next couple of months so I have tried to summarise events for you.

Carrick Open Day:

On Wednesday 27 March we are inviting our parents/carers to the school for a visit to see the school in action. We would also like to seek your views on school improvement. Letters have already been sent home but if you are free and would like to join us, please call the school and let them know if you would like to join the 9am or the 1pm tour.

School Holidays:

This year the Easter weekend is out-with the two week Easter holiday; this results in two school closures:

Carrick Academy will close for the Easter holiday at 2.30pm on Friday 29 March. Pupils return to school on Monday 15 April at 8.45am.

The Easter weekend will start with the school closing on Thursday 18 April at 2.50pm and will reopen on Tuesday 23 April at 8.45am.

Monday 6 May is the May-day holiday; the school will be closed on that date. The school will also be closed for the May long weekend on Friday 24 May at 2.50pm and reopen on Wednesday 29 May.

Easter School and SQA Examinations:

Easter School will be open to support young people in the preparation for their final exams; this has been detailed in a separate letter and information is on the school website. SQA examinations commence on Thursday 25 April; this will be the first day of study leave and pupils will return to school on Wednesday 29 May. Our staff will be available throughout the examination period should your child require any additional support. I wish all of our children every success in their final exams. Individual pupil SQA examination timetables have been issued to all pupils; please note the timings of the exams on these timetables.

The S6 Graduation will be held in the Carrick Centre on Wednesday 24 April starting at 12 noon; all S4/5 pupils will remain in school.

Scottish National Standardised Assessments (SNSA):

S3 pupils will complete online standardised assessments in literacy and numeracy. The assessments help to identify children's progress, providing diagnostic information to support teachers' professional judgement. Our young people do not have to revise or prepare for these assessments. The assessments are as inclusive as possible to accommodate the needs of young people who require additional support. There is no pass or fail. Testing will take place nationally and ours will begin on Thursday 25 April.

S3 Work Experience:

S3 pupils will undertake a work placement during the weeks beginning Monday 29 April and Monday 6 May. Each pupil will have been allocated a placement in one of these weeks. It is a fantastic opportunity for our young people to experience the world of work and I hope they enjoy this experience.

Arrangements for the start of the New Timetable:

S6 induction will take place on **Wednesday 29 May**; all S6 pupils should make their way to the Assembly Hall for an 8.45am start. The new timetable will commence on **Wednesday 29 May**; S1-3 pupils will be issued with their new timetable before this date. At the start of period 1, new S4 pupils should go to the Dining Hall and new S5 pupils should go to the Assembly Hall where timetables will be issued.

Parent Council Events:

The Parent Council held a very successful quiz in the Carrick Centre last week. They have booked the Maybole Charity Shop from the 14 June for one week; all donations can be donated at the school.

P7 Induction Days:

Our P7 pupils will spend 4 days in the school from 11-14 June as part of their transition programme to secondary school. Our S3 pupils will have the opportunity to take on leadership roles during that week to act as buddies to our new cohort.

Please ensure that the school has **an up-to-date contact number and email address for you** so that we can keep you fully informed of all that is happening in the school. Our School Website address is <https://carrickacademysayr.weebly.com/> and you can follow us on Twitter @Carrick_Academy.

On behalf of all the staff, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a Happy Easter. 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

Theresa Shona Stevens
Head Teacher

