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Friday 1 April 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our Spring Term draws to a close today and all of our young people can look back with pride on their efforts over the past few months. Our S1 pupils have grown in confidence and maturity, embracing the opportunities that Gryffe High gives them to develop new skills in a broad and challenging curriculum. Already, they are forming opinions and attitudes that will shape their learning future. This leads me to our S2 and S3 year groups, both cohorts have recently made options choices, mapping out their journey towards specialism in subjects with the aim of achieving the best National Qualifications they can. It is these National Qualifications examinations that our Senior Phase S4-S6 pupils are about to undertake, and they will do so with confidence built upon their hard work throughout this session. Details of our extensive Easter School programme for National 5 & Higher subjects is appended to this update - a further testament to the commitment of our incredible staff in supporting our young people.

Recent changes to guidance on Covid mitigations in schools mean that we are now able to welcome parents/carers into our school without restrictions and we aim to re-establish our face-to-face connections with you as soon as possible. I am delighted to be able to tell you that rehearsals for our school show 'We Will Rock You' have been ongoing, and our cast and crew are excited at the prospect of performing in front of a full theatre on June 21,22, and 23. Tickets will go on sale after Spring Break, and we will keep you updated on our plans to stage the show for three consecutive evenings in the Summer Term.

The planned changes to mask wearing in school communal areas after Spring Break will be welcomed by many and we will issue guidance via text and the school website before young people return on Tuesday 19 April.

Year Group Assemblies are a key strength of our school community and during the gatherings planned for S1-S3 to start the Summer Term, we will focus on our Promoting Positive Relationships approach, school uniform and ethos. Our school is a fulcrum for the local community, and we aim to ensure our young people continue to model our school values of caring and respect out with the school. Our temporary relaxation of uniform was in line with Scottish Government guidance; however, we now aim to set the highest standards and expectations for August and will work towards these in the coming weeks. Our school uniform expectations will be shared with young people and parents/carers very soon and we look forward to your support in helping us promote equity and belonging through our uniform. Our successful uniform upcycling programme is coordinated by our PTA, and details of this year's scheme will be shared in the new term.

Finally, we are delighted to share our success in achieving the Reading Schools Award at core level from the Scottish Book Trust, for creating and sustaining a reading culture in Gryffe High School. The panel commented on "the incredible reading environment created for our learners" by our English department. Next session we will work towards silver or maybe even gold status as we know that reading for understanding is pivotal to unlocking the curriculum for our young people.

I sincerely hope you all have a safe and enjoyable Spring Break, and for those S4-S6 pupils participating in Easter School, I look forward to welcoming you into school next week.

Kevin Christie
Head Teacher

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