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Dear Pupils and Parents/Carers for information (new S4, new S5 and new S6 for session 2020/2021)

I hope you are well and staying safe.

I must start by stating that I am aware just how difficult it is trying to work under the current circumstances. I really feel for you as without question pupils of today are receiving significantly less face to face learning and teaching, as well as missing meeting your friends, and this can only have a detrimental effect on the education of pupils across the whole of Scotland and beyond. I hope you understand that we are doing our utmost to support you and are trying to get the right balance of work, hopefully given in a variety of ways, to keep you engaged in your learning.

As much as I am aware of difficulties we have, I also must make some clear statements in order that there are no misunderstandings.

First, for pupils in S4, S5 and S6 there is the possibility that there will be no SQA Examinations next year. I hope that is not the case, however it is an obvious possibility. If there are no SQA Examinations, then, as this year, the SQA Results will be heavily dependent on internal based estimates of your work. **This is the critical point: if you are not doing ALL the work we are asking for then there is a strong possibility that staff will not have the evidence over the course of the session and you may be moved to a lower level or will have a low estimate. The work you are doing now is so important.** I will emphasise that if there are any issues you **must** contact your teacher, or your Pupil Support Guidance Teacher or Year Head, as then we can be more understanding and take that into consideration.

New S4 – You should be keeping up with all your National 5 or National 4 work, with the added emphasis on the work in English which not only covers the Spoken Language Component for National 5 English, but it is also one of the mandatory units required to achieve our additional level 5 Scottish Studies Award – this needs to be completed in June.

New S5 - You should be keeping up with all your Higher or National 5 work. The demands in fifth year are normally significantly more than in other years, so your focused efforts now are critical.

New S6 – You should be doing the work for 4 National Courses, and you should be well on your way to completing your Leadership Award. When you return to school we will focus on what leadership qualities you have shown, and this will be used in UCAS any job references.

I am genuinely looking forward to seeing you all again, and hopefully that will be in August, but you **MUST** complete the work now to ensure you will be in the same courses when you return. Three more weeks of genuine work and then it's the official summer holidays. **PLEASE** contact your teachers/Guidance Teachers/Year Heads or myself if you need any further support – **we are here to help.**

Stay positive, working together it will be a great year.

Mr Colin Johnson
Head Teacher

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