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

I hope this update finds both you and your family well and staying safe, although I am also aware of a few families who I am very sad to say have lost loved ones. This is when a reality hits in and we all have to be there for each other.

I must start this update by stating how much I am missing the normality of school, and in particular talking to you, and fellow pupils, even if I am having a wee moan. Life is so different at the moment, and I think we are all finding it difficult to deal with. Out of everything, to me it is your health and wellbeing that comes first, as without that hopefully positive outlook then things can seem just so much harder. If you are finding things a little difficult, then please make the effort to speak to one of the Pupil Support Staff – Mrs Carmichael, Mr Clark, Mr Findlay, Miss Holmes, Mrs Costello, Miss Brown, Miss Dhesi, Mr Anderson, Miss lafrate – or one of the Year Heads – Mrs Brown, Ms Sharp, Mr Christie, Mrs Skillen, or myself. All our email addresses are on the school website under ‘Brief Updates’.

I for one, and many others that I talk to, realise just how routines are so important, as was the routine in coming to school. You, if you haven’t already, need to establish the routines in your learning, and in your work for your new chosen subjects.

We have now finalised our timetable for next session. This, as I hope you will appreciate, was a little harder to complete however we have been contacting a few pupils in order to state that one of the courses they picked is not running, however we have managed to satisfy the requests from nearly all pupils.

We will be emailing out timetables to pupils this week, just as confirmation, and checking, that you are in the courses you requested. Faculty Heads/Principal Teachers will be allocating staff to their classes this week, however regardless of that work is being set with the expectation that you will complete it.

Although we started issuing new S5 and new S6 work on Monday 27 April, I think you will find that the amount of work being issued is increasing and getting a little more challenging. As hard as these times are, and the possible issues with establishing routines, **I must ask that you are completing all the work issued for your subjects.** We have created a tracking spreadsheet covering all pupils, covering all subjects, and are asking teachers to update us in regard to pupils doing the work and engaging with the learning. Should a pupil not be engaging we will either contact them and/or parent/carer, or remove them from the course.

Resources - jotters, paper...etc – are available from the Church on request. Please look for all the details under ‘Brief Updates’ on the school website. Finally, please try your very best to do all your subject work, and take care.

Mr Colin Johnson
Head Teacher

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