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Gryffe High School, Level 1, 2020-2023

Dear Pupils/Parents/Carers

As we approach the end of our current timetable, with our new timetable starting on Monday, we look forward with optimism for the session ahead. Our pupils have endured a lot, and have been outstanding in their response during difficult times. We have tried our utmost to support the wellbeing of our pupils, as this is of the greatest importance, and alongside this we have tried to ensure that every year group has progressed in their learning.

As of tomorrow, we will have completed our 6 week assessment programme for our senior pupils, and we are now completing our marking and moderation in order to submit Provisional Grades to both the local authority, and then the Scottish Qualification Authority (SQA). Our Provisional Grades, at the moment, seem in line with our decade of continuous improvement, however we are still finalising this. Provisional Grades will be issued to pupils, by either email or letter, on Tuesday 22 or Wednesday 23 June. As in the past many years, we will have a significant number of pupils happy with their grades; however, we know there will always be pupils who have not managed to do as well as they had hoped. For these pupils, again as in previous years, we can discuss options with them in order to plan for the new year ahead. Pupils will have the option to submit an appeal on their results to the SQA. We will provide more detail on this when we issue the Provisional Grades.

For a little bit of culture, and to bring some cheer back to the school day we would like to both acknowledge and celebrate Euro 2020 (2021) 'Yes sir, I Can Boogie'

In order to celebrate Scotland playing in their first major tournament since 1998 we will hold a 'Euro style' non-uniform day on Monday 14 June – anything related to any of the teams in the Euro competition: Scotland strips/scarfs/hats, or that of any other nation represented, can be worn (not club strips, only national strips); colours of any of the nations; face painting;..... pupils can be creative.

As with all non-uniform days we will have some 'new' S6 pupils collecting any donations, hopefully the usual £1, with proceeds going to charity. We will be conscious of all our covid health and safety procedures, and with some maturity and common sense we should be able to enjoy the occasion. Pupils will have the option to watch the Scotland game on Monday afternoon, in their timetabled classes, and will following usual covid procedures.

With the kick-off being at 2:00pm, we will have an earlier lunch on Monday – 1:00 to 1:45pm in order that we can be in class for the build-up and national anthem. The canteen will be serving Haggis, Neeps and Tatties for lunch. We will also be selling cans of Irn Bru and Tunnocks Caramel Wafers/Teacakes at morning break and lunch at the coffee bar in the canteen. Pupils can only purchase these additional items by cash and NOT via Parentpay. We will still move from the P6 to P7 class, but quickly, in order to catch the second half.

I mentioned the detail above to a few classes and they got extremely excited. We need a little fun back after such difficult times, and this gives us a great opportunity to do just that.

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