



Term 4 newsletter / issue 3

Dear Parent / Carer,

With SQA assessments gathering pace, the majority of this week's letter is related to Senior Phase pupils and their families. The first two points (in the grey box) is of use to all of our families.

Attendance

A focus on pupil attendance, specifically late coming in the morning, will begin from Tuesday.

A considerable number of young people are arriving late to school. Not only does this clearly affect learning in classes but also is a safety concern. Our crossing patrollers finish just after 8.45am and young people are therefore crossing the busy Perth Road unattended.

In-Service

A reminder for all parents, carers and young people that the school will be closed to all pupils on **Thursday 6th May** as it is a city-wide In-Service day. As part of the In-Service programme all teaching staff will complete an updated SQA Academy course which has been designed to support the process of producing provisional grades for our Senior Phase pupils.

Senior Phase Reporting of Provisional Grades

For learners in the Senior Phase, a final communication will be sent to parents/carers by 25th June outlining the provisional grades submitted to the SQA. Final grades will be communicated by the SQA on the 10th August 2021.

Assessment Arrangements during our Assessment Blocks (SQA)

For young people in our Senior Phase who are entitled to Assessment Arrangements, staff will work to ensure they are fully in place.

One such support received by some of our pupils is through separate accommodation for assessments. In the context of our assessment blocks, which take place in classrooms, there may be no need for the alternative assessment arrangement to be put in place.

Staff will discuss this discretely with relevant young people to seek their wishes.

Latecoming for SQA Assessments

During our assessment periods, it is crucial that young people attend on time to avoid them being disadvantaged by losing time to complete assessments during the allocated periods.

Assessment Catch Up sessions

During Phase 1 of assessments, we have arranged four after school catch up sessions for young people who miss assessments due to absence. They are:

Tuesday 4th May

Wednesday 5th May

Tuesday 11th May

Wednesday 12th May

If a teacher suggests your young person utilises one or more of these sessions, they will be in contact in advance.

I wish you an enjoyable long weekend,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'B. Millar', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Barry Millar
Head Teacher