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Dear Parent / Carer,

As a reminder, our school is closed on Friday 10th, Monday 13th (both holidays) and Tuesday 14th February (INSET day) to all young people. We wish our school community an enjoyable long weekend.

SQA Information – Appeals process 2023

Appeals Service 2023

SQA have now announced their planned approach to appeals for 2023.

Young people and their parents will be able to make a **free and direct** appeal if they believe the grade they have been awarded in any course is not what they expected to get.

Unlike last year, this year's appeals service will focus solely on reviewing all SQA-marked exams and coursework. No evidence that was gathered and assessed in school can be used as a part of this process.

Examination Exceptional Circumstances Consideration Service

This service is available to young people who cannot sit an exam for reasons beyond their own control, or if they have been affected by a personal circumstance such as medical condition or bereavement.

In these instances, the school will support a young person in requesting a review of all their school-based assessment evidence to seek an award in a course.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MID-TERM HOLIDAY

Friday 10th & Monday 13th February

STAFF INSET DAY (4)

Tuesday 14th February

P7 DANCE SHOW

Thursday 16th February

PREFECT APPLICATION PROCESS BEGINS

Monday 20th February

HT SURGERY

Monday 27th February

COURSE CHOICE TIMELINES

S2 Course Choice Final Submission Friday 10 February 2023

S3 Course Choice Final Submission Friday 24 February 2023

Senior Phase Course Choice Final Submission Friday 17 March 2023

More detailed information will be sent to all families once it has been made available from the SQA.



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Front entrance / House entry doors

From Wednesday, young people will enter via the following doors:

Birnam and Kinloch – Maths entrance Cawdor and Forres – Plaza / Clock tower entrance

The front entrance will now only be used by staff and visitors except for latecomers; in the event of a fire evacuation and at the end of the school day when the whole school population leaves the building at the same time.

Young people have been informed of these changes via Assemblies this week and will be reminded throughout next week.

DCC Study Leave dates

The above dates have now been confirmed as 2^{nd} May -25^{th} May inclusive for all senior phase pupils in S5 and S6 and all S4 pupils studying one or more National 5 course. More specific details will be shared in the lead up to the exam period.

