



*Dear Parent / Carer,*

## Self-evaluation survey

The leadership team are committed to gathering feedback from our school community. This will help us agree our improvement priorities moving forward.

To this end, I would be very grateful if you could spend some time completing a survey (link below). This survey is based on His Majesty's Inspectorate of Education (HMIE) survey that would be used, should we be inspected.

The information gathered will be well used to help in our aim to set our improvement agenda.

The survey is now live and will be available to complete up until Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March.

Thank you in advance to those of you who find the time to give us your valuable feedback.

Survey link - <https://forms.office.com/e/9EZFiwJSkw>

## Mr Millar – out of school

Over the coming week, I will be out of school, participating in a second His Majesty's Inspectorate of Education (HMIE) Inspection as an Associate Assessor. My first engagement begins this Monday and will return to school on Friday of this week.

During my absence, all Depute Head Teachers will work together to run the school but there will be a designated acting HT on a daily basis.

If you would normally look to contact me, please call the school office, asking to speak with the On Call Depute Head in the first instance.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### S3 PHOTOGRAPHS

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March

### COURSE CHOICE TIMELINE

Senior Phase Course Choice Final  
Submission Friday 17 March 2023

### DUNDEE SCHOOLS' SPRING CONCERTS AT THE CAIRD HALL

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

### HEAD TEACHER'S SURGERY

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March

### TERM 3 ENDS

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March





## Senior Phase Assessments that are taking place over the coming week

Subject	Level	Class Assessment/ SQA Assessment	Week Beginning
Admin & IT	Higher	SQA Assessment	Actual Date 24th March
Biology	National 5	Class Assessment	20th March
Biology	Higher	Class Assessment	20th March
Biology	Advanced Higher	Class Assessment	20th March
Drama	National 5	SQA Assessment	Actual Date 24th March
Drama	Higher	SQA Assessment	Actual Date 22nd March
Environmental Science	Higher	Class Assessment	20th March
Fashion	National 5/4	SQA Assessment	Actual Date 10th March
Geography	National 5	Class Assessment	20th March
Geography	Higher	Class Assessment	20th March
German	Advanced Higher	SQA Speaking	Actual Date 10th March
Graphic Communication	National 5	SQA Assignment	10th Feb - 10th March
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History	Higher	Class Assessment	27th March
Maths	National 5	Class Assessment	13th March 2023
Maths	Higher	Class Assessment	13th March 2023
Maths	Advanced Higher	Class Assessment	13th March 2023
Physics	National 5	Class Assessment	27th February
Physics	National 5	Class Assessment	27th March
Physics	Higher	Class Assessment	27th March
Physics	Advanced Higher	Class Assessment	27th March
Practical Cake	National 5	SQA Assessment	Actual Date 16th March
Practical Cookery (Class 1)	National 5	SQA Practical Assessment	Actual Date 23rd March
Practical Cookery (Class 2)	National 5	SQA Practical Assessment	Actual Date 21st March
Practical Metalworking	National 4/5	SQA Practical Assessment	10th Feb - 10th March
Practical Woodworking	National 4/5	SQA Practical Assessment	10th Feb - 10th March
RMPS	NAT 5	Class Assessment	13th and 14th March
Spanish	Advanced Higher	SQA Speaking Assessment	Actual Date 10th March

## Home Learning Survey

Thank you to everyone who has participated in the blow survey thus far. If you have not had the opportunity to respond please click on the below link. The survey takes on average 2minutes to complete and as a school we grateful for all responses made.

You will be able to make a response up until the end of day Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup> of March.

<https://forms.microsoft.com/e/MACnxwAtbD>





## Easter School – Senior Phase Exams

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We plan to run an Easter school over the two weeks of the April holidays to support the upcoming SQA exams. The timetable is currently being put together regarding which subjects will take place and when. More information will come out to pupils next week and they will be asked to fill out a Microsoft Form to indicate any sessions they would like to attend.

A reminder that supported study still continues to run in many subjects, these sessions are highlighted on our study Portal, which can be accessed here - <https://sites.google.com/dd.glow.scot/harris-study-portal/home>. The portal also has details of the ongoing National evening Study Support offer that pupils can sign up to free of charge <https://education.gov.scot/nelo/>

If you have any questions regarding accessing or to gather more information about these supports please contact myself at [tbeattie520@dundeeschools.scot](mailto:tbeattie520@dundeeschools.scot).

## Free National e-learning offer

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E-Sgoil have just released information regarding their Free Senior Phase Study Support programme for 2023. This is an excellent offer that is open to all students to support them with their SQA exams. There are 80 webinar groups, covering 30 subjects, running between the 3rd and 14th of April with live, interactive lessons. These sessions will consolidate learning that has happened in classes this year, to better prepare our young people for their exams. Pupils can register and also access a range of supporting documents at the following link [Digital learning from Comhairle Nan Eilean Siar | e-Sgoil](#)

## Powerful Teaching – A guide for parents and carers

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Many thanks to those parents who have sent in a note of interest for this course, you should have received an e-mail outlining some next steps. Just a reminder for those who may have missed it – This will be short twilight course for parents called Powerful Teaching – A guide for parents and carers. This is for any Senior Phase Parent and for those parents with pupils currently in S3 about to enter the Senior Phase. The course will run over three sessions in March (dates and times TBC) and will explore;

- The basics of how we learn
- Retrieval practice
- Metacognition “thinking about thinking”
- Spacing

This is to help your young person become more effective in their learning and explore how you can support this being done at home. If it is something you might be interested in please contact me at [tbeattie520@dundeeschools.scot](mailto:tbeattie520@dundeeschools.scot)

