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Dear Parent/Carer,

Block 2 Assessments for SQA courses (Monday 10th May – Friday 4th June 2021)

As we approach the start of our main assessment block for SQA courses, we wanted to write and give you an update on how things are going so far, and also about plans over the next few weeks. Students have been back in school now after the Easter break for a few weeks and are transitioning back into full time school. Senior students have had the opportunity to consolidate learning that took place during lockdown, complete courses and currently are undergoing Assessment block 1. This is where they get the opportunity to carry out an assessment in their subjects and get feedback from the teachers about next steps, preparing them for their main Assessments in block 2.

The assessments in Block 2 will provide the main evidence that the students predicted grades will be based on, therefore it is extremely important that students attend school for all of these assessments. We understand that there can be extenuating circumstances that may mean a student cannot attend school that day, such as isolation measures or extreme medical issues. If this is the case, please contact the school and ask to speak to the students Pupil Support teacher or a member of SMT to discuss how we can proceed. Medical notes may be required from Doctors in the case of illness. We need to stress that Assessment block 2 dates have been arranged to give the students the best opportunity to produce their best work and it will not be possible to reschedule an assessment during block 2 if a student is absent, unless under exceptional circumstances. If a student is absent without exceptional circumstances, their predicted grade will be generated from the limited evidence that has been generated prior to that point.

Many of our students will be planning to leave school after their assessments are completed. All students require to be at school until the 31st of May. After this date, if a student is planning to leave school, they only require to attend school for their remaining assessments. If they are only coming into the school for those assessments, please notify the school office of this. Students must sign in and out at the school office on those days. If students intend to stay on at school, they should be attending school throughout.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Catherine McNay
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