



24 November 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Senior Phase Students (S4-S6)

The ongoing disruption to your child's education caused by COVID-19 has been a worrying time, but it's easier to cope with stressful events when you have information about what's happening. This letter will tell you about how we will be tackling home study attendance moving forward, when we will be communicating your child's progress, key assessment information and how you can support your child to study.

Off site study

Some of our students have chosen and have your permission to study offsite during non-class times or while they are undertaking online courses. Recently, several students have wanted to stay in the building at times they had originally been allocated offsite. We have no issues with any student who wishes to be in the building more often to access resources, complete course work or undertake some of the leadership roles on offer in the senior phase. We do however have a legal duty to know which students are in the building and when. Therefore, any student who has previously been granted offsite study, must now sign in and out of a folder in the social space whenever they enter the school building or leave it outside of registration or 3.30pm. This is effective from **Monday 29th November**. By the end of the prelim diet, we will have reviewed the effectiveness of offsite study and give more details about what will happen in the run up to the final SQA examinations.

SQA examinations 2022

Currently SQA plan to run their exams in April/May 2022. They have made adjustments to your child's course assessments and have taken into account the current levels of disruption to learning. If more disruption does take place, SQA will issue further guidance as required. If the Scottish Government decides to cancel exams due to public health restrictions, your child's teachers will decide a provisional result based on evidence generated throughout the year. Therefore it is very important that all students produce work that is of their best efforts for assessment blocks and prelims.

You can see the SQA exam timetable at www.sqa.org.uk/timetable and can download the SQA MyExams app to create and view your child's person exam timetable, add notes and add it to your personal calendars.

Assessments and Communication

Students have ongoing class assessments and tasks throughout the year which will allow them to gain feedback and next steps to help them progress. The key dates for whole school assessment blocks and communication with home are detailed below:

End October/ November 2021	Students have completed class assessments to generate next steps for progress
22 nd December 2021	Progress Report - tracker 1
Tues 11 th January – Fri 4 th February 2022	Prelim diet (details will be released early December)
22 nd February 2022	Progress Report - tracker 2
23 rd February & 3 rd March	Senior Phase Parents Evenings
22 nd February 2022	Progress Report - tracker 3

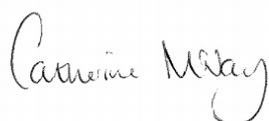
Students attended a Live-N-Learn workshop recently which allowed them to explore the steps to learning, how they can make small changes in their lifestyles and attitudes which could have a big impact on their final results. Live-N-Learn have given all students and yourselves access to a large selection of resources to assist with planning, prioritising and structuring revision which should be **starting now** to see the benefits in the January prelims, then further afield into the final exams in the summer term. Remember that we don't know what the next few months hold, and all of this evidence may be needed to generate estimates if exams cannot take place.

If you head to <https://live-n-learn.co.uk/portal> and click on the door on the top right of the homepage to access the portal. Then use the following codes:

- S2020 for S4 follow on resources
- SP2021 for S5/6 follow on resources and family support for seniors

We always appreciate the support we get from you as we all prepare your children to gain qualifications. This year is no different and we would like to thank you for this as we move forward into the second half of our year, towards final qualifications.

Yours sincerely,



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