



9<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Dear Parent / Carer,

### **S4, S5 and S6 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATIONS 2020**

Prelim exams for our S4, S5 and S6 pupils run from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> until Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2020. The purpose of these is to give our pupils the opportunity to practise sitting exams in conditions as near as we can make them to those of the external exams which will be held in May and June 2020, to inform estimate grades for submission to the Scottish Qualifications Authority and to provide evidence which the school will be required to submit if a pupil is ill on the day of an exam or has a valid case for exceptional circumstances consideration.

Given the importance of these exams, adequate time must be allocated to revision. We are, therefore, offering the opportunity of study leave.

**General study leave will run from Monday 13th January until Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January** and during this period pupils are only required to attend school to sit their examinations.

Pupils are welcome to use the school library for study during exam leave and are able to make appointments to see class teachers for help if required. We would ask that pupils are wearing school uniform when they are in school and sign in and out of the building.

If pupils are coming in to school to study, we would ask that they arrive at the start of the day and/ or lunchtime in order to minimise disruption to the Office.

Please note that individual arrangements may be made for those pupils who have very few / no exams. This is an ideal time to catch up with any missed assessments and pupils may be asked to attend school to complete these.

May I take this opportunity to wish your youngster every success in the exams and to give the assurance that, if they should experience any problems during the exam period, help will always be available.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

**Mrs A Wilson**  
Depute Head Teacher

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