Viewforth High School

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Dear parents and carers

Summer term

As a consequence of the recent changes to Scottish Government Guidance, it is no longer mandatory for pupils, staff and visitors to wear face coverings in the school building. We will however support those who still wish to wear face coverings. Other mitigations will remain in place including the one-way system and the wiping down of desks and regular sanitising / washing of hands.

Our Senior Phase pupils begin their study leave today and we wish those sitting exams the very best of luck. A reminder that there are a series of Masterclasses taking place and the timetable for these can be found on the school website.

Our pupils in S1-S3 will see an increased focus on standards and expectations over the coming weeks as we remind them of the importance of attendance, timekeeping, high standards of behaviour and school uniform.

On Friday last week, we said farewell to our S6 pupils as they enjoyed their last full day as VHS pupils. They behaved in an exemplary manner, enjoying a pizza lunch before taking some photographs on the balcony. We have invited them back on Thursday 16th of June for a barbeque and to participate in a staff v's S6 pupil softball match.

SQA

The SQA exams begin tomorrow and in advance of each morning exam, we are offering a free breakfast to exam candidates. The breakfast will consist of pastries and juice and will be set up each morning in the drama studio at 8.30am. Teachers will also be available to settle any last minute nerves and offer words of advice.

Pupils should arrive at least 10 minutes in advance of the start time of each exam. This will allow them time to check their seat number and ensure they have all the necessary equipment with them. A reminder that mobile phones and smart watches are not permitted in the exam areas and these devices should be left at home to prevent any disruption.

Below is a joint message from the Scottish Government and the SQA and provides information on what to do if your child feels unwell in the lead up to or on the day of the exam:

The exams taking place over the next six weeks are a chance for all learners to demonstrate their hard work, skills and knowledge. Please continue to follow public health guidance, including during the exam period. The Scottish Government's current public health guidance remains in place up to and including 30 April. This asks individuals to self-isolate if they are experiencing symptoms of COVID and to book a PCR test.

However, as per the Test and Protect Transition Plan published on 15 March 2022, public health guidance is set to change in Scotland from 1 May. As set out on the Public Health Scotland website, this new guidance will be published on NHS Inform on 1 May and will broadly align with the current UKHSA 'Stay at Home' advice that asks children and young people to stay at home if they have a high temperature ***and*** *feel unwell.*

It is important that you speak to the school/college if you cannot attend the exam for any reason so that you get the advice and support you need on next steps. More information about attending exams can be found in 'Your Exams 2022' on the SQA website.

Dates for your diary

Please note all Parents' Evenings will take place virtually this year and more information will be shared with you in advance of these meetings. If you would like to join us at a Parent Council meeting, please email the Chair Alex Tomlinson at viewforthparentcouncil@gmail.com who will send you an invitation to join the online meeting.

Monday 2nd May	Bank Holiday Monday (School closed)
Thursday 5th May	In-service day (School closed to pupils)
Monday 13th June	Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm

Please continue to look after yourselves and stay safe.

Yours faithfully

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Head Teacher

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