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Dear Parent

As we have returned to school over the last few days, there have a few changes to our information and plans for S5-6 students that we would like you to be aware of.

### **SQA Awards Update**

You will be aware from the Education Secretary's statement in the Scottish Parliament on Wednesday, that the decision has been taken to revise the grades awarded by the SQA on 4 August in line with those estimated by schools. Any grades downgraded from school estimates will be reinstated and any improved grades will be maintained.

To inform the students of the estimate grades submitted by the school, compared to the SQA grade awarded, we have prepared individual slips for each student with this information. Students were informed at Induction on Wednesday, that these can be collected from the school office. For data protection purposes, this information can only be given to the candidate. At present we do not have any information as to when revised certificates will be issued by the SQA.

### **Bucksburn Academy and City Campus Classes**

Currently pupils from one school are not allowed to attend another school. This is to aid the Test and Protect process in the event of a COVID cluster outbreak. Pupils from Dyce Academy due to attend classes at Bucksburn Academy (including the Girls in Energy course) will therefore continue with digital blended learning at this time. Students who are timetabled to attend Bucksburn Academy should go to the Study Room (currently MPA) to continue with their studies or may choose to study at home during this time. This study time will be unsupervised and we must encourage students to take responsibility for their learning. The lessons provided may be live or recorded. IT is being provided for the students to continue with their learning and should be available within the next week.

### **NESCOL**

All NESCOL courses will continue online until 31 October. Students enrolled in NESCOL classes do not need to be in school during this time and may study and complete their NESCOL classwork at home. Students will be informed of the necessary study guidelines by NESCOL.

### **Study**

S6 students with a study column on their timetable, may choose to study in school (MPA) or at home.

### **Procedures for Studying at Home**

We must always keep track of all young people in the building in order to comply with our Risk Assessments and aid the Test and Protect programme. It is therefore imperative that we have a system in place for any students who opt to study at home for any of the situations given above. Mrs Jamieson will produce an online form for students to complete to indicate the times of when they will be studying at home. Students will not be able to decide this on a day-to-day basis, but must become part of their timetable. All students will be required to sign out and into school from Home Study on a dedicated sheet at the school office.

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You will appreciate as we get the students back into school, situations will develop and our plans will have to be amended. We will use Google Classroom for updating the S5-6 students with information, and continue to update parents through Groupcall or my weekly update.

I thank you for your support during this period as we work towards getting our students back to their studies.



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