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Dear Parent/Carer,

S3 INFORMATION APRIL/MAY 2018

This letter is to inform you of several events that are occurring in the coming weeks in respect of S3 pupils, namely S3 assessments, the issuing of S3 profiles and the end of year S3 progress report.

S3 Assessment

During the weeks from w/c 30 April to w/c 21 May 2018, we have organised a diet of S3 assessments for S3 pupils. The information gleaned is seen as useful by pupils, parents and teachers in measuring progress towards National Qualifications in the following year. We believe that within the Curriculum for Excellence programme it is still important that there is some degree of assessment to give an indication of present and future progress. Different subject departments will have different assessment tools that they may use to measure progress towards the National Qualifications (National 3, 4, 5). Overleaf we have detailed when each subject area will assess S3 pupils. The result of these assessments will inform the S3 report and will provide a broad indication of future progress. Also, as in previous years, it will be the result of the prelim examinations in S4 which will also help determine the level of presentation in the final exams.

S3 Profiles

Over the next few weeks, all S3 pupils will be creating a personal profile outlining their experiences and achievements in the S1 to S3 period. A copy of these profiles are kept with your child's guidance teacher in school and a copy will be coming home with your child during May 2018. The profile covers all 8 curricular areas of Curriculum for Excellence as well as personal statements around learning, skills, achievements and the future. By completing their profile the young person will increase their self-esteem, improve their motivation, and thereby improve their learning.

S3 Progress Reports

Pupils will receive an S3 progress report in all their subjects. This report will indicate the levels at which they have been working within the Curriculum for Excellence programme and will also indicate the broad level of study in the National Qualification courses that pupils will take in S4. **Please note that these reports will be issued by Friday 8 June 2018.**

Can I remind you that S3 pupils advance into S4 at the start of the new timetable on Wednesday 6 June 2018. There are 3 weeks of S4 before our Activity Week with the summer break coming on 29 June 2018. There will be an S4 Parents Information evening in the 2nd or 3rd week back after the summer holidays at which we will explain the structure of the National Qualification courses in S4. We will inform you of the exact date by letter nearer the time.

I hope you find this information useful.

Yours faithfully

Mr P Cifelli
Depute Head Teacher

INFORMATION ON S3 ASSESSMENT APRIL/MAY 2018

These assessments will take place during normal class time and will not disrupt the normal school timetable.

Some Departments **do not** set an assessment preferring to use unit tests as a form of continuous assessment.

Listed below are the dates submitted by Departments. Please note that they are listed as **week commencing** rather than specific days of the week. Pupils will be given more details by their class teacher.

Subject	Format of Assessment	Week of Assessment (w/c)
Art and Design	Written Assessment	14 May
Biology	Written Assessment	7 May
Business Management	Written Assessment	14 May
Chemistry	Written Assessment	14 May
Design and Engineering	Written Assessment	7 May- Graphic Communication 14 May- Engineering Science 14 May- Design & Manufacture
Computing	Written Assessment	14 May
Drama	Written Assessment	ongoing
Economics	Written Assessment	30 April
English	Written Assessment	Already completed
Geography	Written Assessment	30 April
Health & Food Technology	Written Assessment	30 April
History	Written Assessment	7 May
Maths	Written Assessment	7 May
Media	Written Assessment	ongoing
Modern Languages	Reading and Listening Assessment.	30 April - French 7 May- German Ongoing - Spanish
Modern Studies	Written Assessment	30 April
Music	Listening assessment	Ongoing
Physics	Written Assessment	14 May
PE	Written Assessment	21 May
RMPS	Written Assessment	30 April

Please also note that final S3 progress reports will be issued by **Friday 8 June 2018**, with the new timetable starting on **Wednesday 6 June 2018**.