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Dear Parent/Carer

Phased Return of Senior Students for Practical Work

I hope you are all safe and well and your young person is engaging well in the first week of remote learning following the February break. This letter sets out our plans for a phased return for our senior phase students who are following practical subjects at Dunbar Grammar.

The First Minister confirmed on Tuesday 16th February that we are now able to invite some of our S4-6 students (subjects with required practical activities) into school from Monday 22nd February. Mr Maxton has been working hard to create a new timetable which will work for these subjects, while sticking to the 5-8% of the school roll in school at any one time, set by the Scottish Government.

Timetable

The timetable attached (below) gives an overview of the subjects with practical work which requires completion and when the students should attend.

Starting on Monday 22nd February, there will be two teaching sessions a day, with the exception of Friday's, where there will only be the morning session.

Session One will run from 0830-1130
Session Two from 1230-1530.

We have initially prioritised practical subjects which require the most support in school in terms of time, resources and tasks. The Scottish Government guidelines have asked that we minimise the number of staff and students in school and only invite students in where there is an urgent need to fulfil practical tasks within courses that cannot be completed remotely. We also must ensure we do not exceed the 5-8% of our school roll in at any one time.

Principal Teachers have worked closely with their staff teams and prioritised students who we feel will benefit most from the in-school learning and teaching in relation to practical tasks outstanding. As the weeks progress, the young people invited in to these sessions may vary. The approach we are taking will ensure that all young people are given the best opportunity to complete all practical tasks required to support the specifics of their SQA courses, allowing them to achieve their best grades.

Please note that due to the current Guidelines around PE, we will not be offering practical sessions for this subject.

Practical Details

The timetable attached gives an overview of the days and times for each subject. Teachers will inform individual students who should attend their practical sessions, on which day, at what time and the room details. Please discuss this with your young person. If they have not been invited to attend sessions, this is because they are able to work remotely on work in this subject area.

Students should arrive at school for 8.30am or 12.30pm depending on the session and enter through the main entrance only. They will be greeted by a member of the senior leadership team. Please note that students are not required to wear uniform when they attend school for a practical session.

School transport will be provided for those who require this based on a 2m socially distanced model and more info will follow on this tomorrow.

Health and Safety

In order to open to this small number of students, we must put enhanced mitigations in place. It is therefore, more important than ever, that all students wear face coverings throughout their time in school and maintain 2m social distancing from members of staff as well as other students (in classes, the dining room, corridors and social areas). It is also important that students adhere to Scottish Government regulations when traveling to and from school.

Lateral Flow Devices (LFD)

As explained in my letter yesterday, S4-S6 students are invited to participate in the Covid-19 testing programme. Participation is voluntary but recommended as will support the reduction of transmission of Covid-19. If your young person wishes to participate in this programme, and is attending school for practical subjects, they may collect a test kit on the day they are in as long as they bring a signed consent form with them. Blank forms are available at the office and so forms can be completed by students over 16 when they are in school. Please note that students under the age of 16, do require the signature of a parent/carer, so will have to take the form home for signing before we can issue a test.

If your young person is attending school from 22nd February onwards, for any of the practical sessions, please do not send them if they, or anyone in your household has tested positive or has Covid-19 symptoms. Please self-isolate and book a test. If they are using the lateral flow device testing kit and this gives a positive result, they should also self-isolate and book a PCR test. Please let the school know if this is the case as well as logging the results of the test kit so track and trace procedures can start.

The First Minister has said that she will give a further update on 2nd March about the next phase of the return to school and I would hope that this will again pave the way for more of our young people to attend school.

Thank you for your support with this phased return and please do encourage your young person to attend school, if they are invited to do so, for any of their practical subjects. If you have any questions about the phased return timetable, please contact Mr Maxton (DHT) at rmaxton@dunbargrammar.elcschool.org.uk.

Yours faithfully



Claire Slowther
Head teacher

Monday - Column 4 subjects		Tuesday - Column 3 subjects		Wednesday - Column 2 Subjects		Thursday - Column 5 Subjects		Friday - Column 1 subjects
Morning Sessions 8.30am - 11.30am								
Subjects	Notes	Subjects	Notes	Subjects	Notes	Subjects	Notes	Subject
National 5 Graphic Communication (Short)		National 5 Computing Science (Short)	Students will be informed if they should attend the morning or afternoon session	Higher/National 5 Engineering Science	Students will be informed if they should attend the morning or afternoon session	Higher Computing Science	Students will be informed if they should attend the morning or afternoon session	N5 Hospitality Practical Cookery
National 5 Computing Science (Long)	Students will be informed if they should attend the morning or afternoon session	National 5 Administration		Practical Wood Work	Students will be informed if they should attend the morning or afternoon session	Higher Drama		National 5 Engineering Science
National 5 Design and Manufacture	Students will be informed if they should attend the morning or afternoon session	National 5 Music (Short)		National 5 Music (Long)		Higher and Advanced Higher Art and Design	Students will attend all day	
National 5 Art and Design	The class will attend all day	NPA Drawing		National 5 Art and Design	Students will attend all day	Advanced Higher Music		
Higher Music Technology		National 5 Graphic Communication (Long)		Advanced Higher Music Technology				
NPA Musical Theatre	The class will attend all day	National 5 Music Technology						
		National 4/5 Drama	Students will be informed if they should attend the morning or afternoon session					
		N5 Hospitality Practical Cookery	Students will be informed if they should attend the morning or afternoon session					
Afternoon sessions 12.30pm - 3.30pm								
National 5 Computing Science		National 5 Computing Science (Short)		Higher/National 5 Engineering Science		Higher Computing Science		
National 5 Design and Manufacture		NPA Painting		Practical Wood Work		Advanced Higher Drama		
National 5 Art and Design		Higher Graphic Communication		National 5 Art		Higher and Advanced Higher Art and Design		
Advanced Higher Graphic Communication		National 4/5 Drama				Higher and Advanced Higher Music		
NPA Musical Theatre		N5 Hospitality Practical Cookery						