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Dunbar Grammar Returning to School Newsletter Thursday 1st April 2021



Dear DGS Community,

It is the end of a very unusual term, which I know has been challenging for our students and their families. Heading off into the Easter break, I am immensely proud of how the entire school community has risen to the many challenges over the past three months and I would like to thank you all for your perseverance and adaptability.

Our students have been absolutely incredible. I believe that they have shown great resilience, positivity and determination. Teachers have been updating me throughout the term on student progress and sending me examples of student work. I have been blown away by the effort and care students, at all stages, have put into their studies. Working at home and motivating yourself is a challenge and I am so proud of how DGS students have coped. Through chatting to them over the past few weeks, I know many have a renewed appreciation for school and I know how they are all looking forward to coming back full time after the Easter break.

I would like to thank our parents and carers for your ongoing support. I have appreciated your feedback and suggestions and have also been uplifted by your many kind emails and comments at parents' evenings. I know this has been a challenging time for many of you and you will be looking forward to a greater degree of 'normality' after the holiday.

Finally, I need to recognise and show gratitude for the hard work, commitment and care of the staff. Teachers enter the profession as they love working with young people. Working online with our students has not been an easy task and I am so grateful to our enthusiastic, dedicated and adaptable staff team. I know that they are very much looking forward to returning to teach all of their students after the Easter break.

I would just like to wish everyone a happy, healthy and fun Easter break. Take care, look after yourselves and each other

Claire Slowther
Head teacher

What is in the newsletter this week?

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Returning to School after Easter

As we detailed in our newsletter last week, **all students** will return to school on a **full time basis from Tuesday 20th April**. Students will follow their usual timetable and attend all classes.

This means that the requirement for students to maintain 2m distancing from each other will be removed, but all other mitigations will remain in place. All students and staff will be required to wear face coverings at all time (unless exempt).

We are delighted that we will be able to fully return to school on this basis. It is important to point out that the national plans are conditional on the final check point on the 6th April. This will be confirmed by the First Minister.

Easter Study Guide

This study guide contains a useful resources for students to assist with their revision and preparation for assessments over the Easter Holidays. These are national resources that can be used to supplement the specific revision materials and guidance teachers have posted on their Google classrooms. Students will need their Glow log-in details to access the eSgoil live sessions. <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1TW1av6KMg2dtm-sG8ggAufMaPwICt3KBVcbStybVSI/edit?usp=sharing>

Lateral Flow Device (LFD) testing for all students

Test kits have been issued to all students in S1/2/3 who have completed the online consent form. A letter with all information about the testing programme can be found [here](#). Any

student who still wishes to sign up for this can do so by completing the e-consent form found [here](#).

S1-3 students should begin testing towards the end of the Easter holidays, before our return to school. Senior students who are already testing can decide if they wish to continue testing over the Easter break, or resume just before they come back.

Senior Phase Reports

On Tuesday, tracking and monitoring reports were issued to all senior phase students. These detailed the students target grade, an indication of their progress towards that and strategies to inform their Easter revision plans. Any student who did not collect their report will have had it emailed to their parent/carer.

Information Update

In September 2020 an Information Update Pack went home with students containing a PC1 and an Annual Data Check form which was required to be checked by parent/carers, updated as appropriate, signed and returned. Packs held photo permission forms, email consent forms and school closure forms if we do not hold a copy on file.

If you have not returned the pack and require this to be reprinted then please email admin@dunbargrammar.elcschool.org.uk

If you have no email address, it is essential that you inform the school. Where this is the case, **the weekly email information is automatically updated on our website.**

Uniform after Easter

For the phased return, we made the decision to allow students to attend school in casual dress as we were mindful of putting additional pressure on them or their families during the return to school. We were also aware that many students may have outgrown uniform and accessing new uniform at short notice may have been challenging.

When we return to school after Easter, the expectation is that all students wear school uniform. A copy of the uniform policy can be found [here](#). If you require any financial assistance around uniform please email dgspupilsupport@dunbargrammar.elcschool.org.uk

HPV Vaccinations

Thanks to everyone who has already returned the HPV vaccination forms. These will be done in May, more information will follow.

What to do if your young person tests positive over the holiday

If your young person tests positive for Covid-19 during the holiday period please email the details to covidinschools@eastlothian.gov.uk If you have no access to email, then please call East Lothian Council on 01875 613921