



## DUNBAR GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer/Student

### **Re-opening of Dunbar Grammar School**

I hope you have had a lovely summer break. Further to the letter sent by our Chief Operating Officer, Lesley Brown on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July, I am pleased to be able to write to you to advise you on the plans for re-opening Dunbar Grammar.

Over the summer, extensive planning has taken place to ensure we have a safe and supportive return to school. The First Minister outlined in her statement to Parliament on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July, that there is flexibility to phase students back to school. It has been agreed that all East Lothian Secondary Schools will have a phased return to school, over the course of the 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> August. All students will be back in school full time from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August.

The decision has been made to have a phased return in secondary schools for 2 main reasons

1. **Ensuring the health and safety of all students and staff** – Re-opening a large secondary school will require lots of new routines and protocols for staff and students. A phased return will allow each year group to have an induction which will explain new systems to students and ensure they feel confident, secure and safe with the return to school.
2. **Supporting the wellbeing of all students and staff** – Nurture principles are central in our re-opening plans. We believe that a phased return with an induction, will offer us the opportunity to re-connect with our students in a supportive and smaller scale setting. It is also important that our new S1 students have the opportunity to have a Transition experience.

Therefore, the plans for re-opening Dunbar Grammar, are detailed below

<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Students in S4/5/6 are expected to attend.</b> Students will have a return to school induction and be issued with timetables.
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Students in S1 will have a Transition day (with support from S6 students).</b> This will include tours of the school, the opportunity to meet key members of staff, get to know their S6 supporters and be issued with timetables.
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Students in S2/3 are expected to attend.</b> Students will have a return to school induction and be issued with timetables.
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>All students will attend</b>

I will write to you all again on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August** with more detailed information around our re-opening plans, including details on the health and safety precautions we will be taking. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us by email at [admin@dunbargrammar.elcschool.org.uk](mailto:admin@dunbargrammar.elcschool.org.uk)

I am grateful for your support and patience and we are very much looking forward to re-opening Dunbar Grammar and welcoming all of our students back.

Yours sincerely,



Claire Slowther,  
Head Teacher