

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope that you and your family continue to be safe and well. I am writing to update you on important information regarding the planned phased return following the February break, the voluntary asymptomatic testing programme for schools and a reminder of our upcoming Careers and Options evenings.

### **Phased Return**

Earlier this week the First Minister set out arrangements for a part-time phased return to in-school learning for a very limited number of students in S4-6 to complete practical work that is essential for completing national qualifications. All other students, with the exception of those already accessing childcare provision, will continue with remote learning. It is intended that there will be no more than 5 - 8% of a secondary school roll physically present at any one time for these purposes. For Marr College, this equates to between 50 – 80 students senior students attending per day. Two metre physical distancing for adults and students will be required in school.

Alongside this limited phased return, staff and S4-S6 students attending in school will be offered at-home testing two times a week. It is anticipated that this will commence from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February and specific details will be issued to you next week.

Work has already begun on identifying priority subjects and creating practical groupings to ensure 2m distancing can be observed in class. We will be in touch with parents and carers next week to confirm arrangements for practical subjects.

These decisions will be confirmed by the Scottish Government on Tuesday 16 February - providing sufficient progress in tackling the virus has been made.

### **Remote Learning Survey**

Thank you once again to parents and carers who completed our remote learning survey. An evaluation summary can be found [here](#) on our school website. I would also like to draw your attention to our updated Health and Wellbeing pages, which provide advice for young people as well as signposting to further supports. The new Health and Wellbeing pages can be found [here](#).

### **Careers and Options Information Evenings**

A reminder that our Information Evenings for parents and students take place next week. We are delighted to see that so many of you have already registered for these events. If you have not yet had the opportunity to sign up, please follow the links below for the relevant event.

New S3 – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 6.30pm [S2 Registration Form](#)

New S4-S6 – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 6.30pm [S3-5 Registration Form](#)

A link to the Zoom meeting will be sent via the email address you provide at the time of registering.

Take care and stay safe.



George Docherty  
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