

People Directorate

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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope that after the initial problems experienced across the country with MS Teams, everyone has been able to access and complete learning assigned by class teachers. Well done to our young people for making such a positive start to remote learning last week; staff have been sharing some excellent examples of work submitted. You will be aware that the First Minister has announced that remote learning will continue to be in place until mid-February. Please be assured that staff will continue to provide meaningful and engaging online work during this time.

Live year group Assemblies will take place at the following times each week:

S1 – Monday 10.20am (Mr Docherty/Mrs Cleland)
S2 – Monday 10.00am (Mr Docherty/Mr Hobson)
S3 – Wednesday 10.00am (Mrs Anderson/Mr McLean)
S4 – Monday 12.40pm (Mr Docherty/Mr Hobson)
S5 – Tuesday 11.00am (Mr Hobson/Ms McCallum)
S6 – Tuesday 11.20am (Mr Hobson/Ms McCallum)

Meetings will be scheduled in advance and I would encourage all young people to attend. One of the Assemblies will be recorded and posted on Teams and next week's theme is options choices. A Careers and Options information evening will take place on Wednesday 10th February from 6.30pm for all current S2-S5 pupils and their parents/carers. Further details about this event will be issued soon.

N5 Key Assessments and Higher/Advanced H Prelims

As shared in my last update letter, our scheduled Prelims and Key Assessments will not be able to commence as planned. We have been engaging with some of our senior students on this matter and can confirm that when we are able to return to school, time will be provided to reconnect with teachers and consolidate learning prior to restarting planned assessments.

Remote Learning

Work continues to be posted on class Teams and we would encourage students to closely monitor their calendar and assignments tabs. Please also encourage your child to attend live lessons/check-ins and contribute where possible. We realise this is a very different way of working and pupils will continue to develop confidence in engaging with these sessions. Please remember to visit the [school website](#) to access a range of support guides and short videos to help with accessing remote learning and associated apps. Following the recently published guidance from Education Scotland, we have created a Remote Learning Guide which is attached to this message and is also available on the school website. Any further updates to the guide will be shared with you.

This week we will be piloting the use of a weekly remote learning overview, starting with S4, to support parents and carers to see what is expected across each subject area. In the meantime, we would be grateful for your feedback on remote learning experiences so far. Please take some time to complete the parent/carer survey which can be accessed via this [link](#) or by using the QR code below.

As always, if you have any particular questions, please phone the school on 01292 690022 and ask to speak to your child's Guidance Teacher or alternatively email Marr.mail@south-ayrshire.gov.uk. A member of staff will be in contact as soon as we can.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'George Docherty'.

George Docherty
Head Teacher

