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Dear Parents/Carers

January Assessment Block

This session we are unable to run a traditional prelim diet in January as usual because of the public health restrictions due to Covid-19. Instead we have planned a timetable of classroom-based assessments, which accompanies this letter.

The timetable, which runs from **Monday 11 January – Wednesday 27 January**, aims to manage pupil workload by timetabling a maximum of two assessments a day. Assessments have been mostly timetabled in a double period for each subject, if possible, and will take place in your child's normal classrooms unless informed otherwise.

The timetable is arranged by year group and column. Columns determine which periods a pupil attends a particular subject. Please see the tables below to work out which column your child's subjects are in if they are unsure. Having their timetable to hand may also help. Your child's teacher will confirm the dates/periods for their class assessments and what is being assessed.

S4 Columns							
Day/Periods	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Monday	P5	P5	P1 & 2	P6 & 7			P4
Tuesday	P2	P2	P1		P5		P6
Wednesday	P1 & 2	P1 & 2				P 3 & 4	P5 & 6
Thursday			P3	P6	P4	P5	
Friday				P4	P5 & 6	P3	

S5/6 Columns					
Day/Periods	A	B	C	D	E
Monday	P1 & 2	P6 & 7	P3 & 4	P5	
Tuesday	P1		P7	P2	P3 & 4
Wednesday				P1, 2 & 3	
Thursday	P 3 & 4	P5 & 6			P1 & 2
Friday		P4	P1 & 2		P3

Class assessments will be sat under strict assessment conditions like prelim or final exams.

Your child will attend their normal classes throughout the assessment block. Teachers may deliver revision in the classes running up to an assessment, if appropriate, or they may continue to teach the curriculum. Your child will not be self-studying for other subjects' assessments during class time.

Some subjects/levels do not feature on the January Assessment Block timetable. This may be because assessments were taken earlier or will take place later.

If your child requires Additional Assessment (AA) arrangements for an identified learning need, they may sit their assessment in a different classroom, for example, to access IT, or have different finishing times if they qualify for Extra Time. AA arrangements will be communicated separately to individuals.

Ellon Academy recognises the importance of parents as partners in supporting their child to achieve their potential. Please discuss the contents of this letter with your child and encourage them to speak to their teachers should they require further advice or support regarding their forthcoming assessments.

King regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T Booth', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ms T Booth
Depute Rector (SQA)