



ELLON ACADEMY WEEKLY INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/CARERS

To: All Parents/Carers
From: Pauline Buchan, Rector
Subject: Weekly Information Up-date
Date: Friday 26th March 2021

As we approach the Easter break, there is much to reflect upon and to recognise that although nationally, we are moving out of lockdown, the implications of Covid-19 for schools and for young people is far reaching and that we have yet to face an unprecedented set of circumstances facing our Senior Phase Learners in Term 4.

Here is a link to a Tree of Knowledge video for Senior Phase pupils to support motivation in getting back to school

Getting Unstuck – Upper Secondary
Video: <https://vimeo.com/512007850>
Password: zoo-mushroom-cube

Here are the updates for this week:

Quote of the Week beginning Monday 29.3.21:



Next Parent Council Meeting:

The next virtual Parent Council Meeting is on Wednesday 21st April at 7pm.

Please contact them via this email address: ellonacademyparentcouncil@gmail.com

Broad General S1/2/3 Up-date:

It was so good to see our S2 pupils on Tuesday this week. The school has been so quiet, and it was lovely to hear excited voices and lots of laughter. We were delighted in how they responded to the 'boost' sessions and they seemed genuinely pleased to be back at school. This has given them a mini induction back into the school environment and routines, so it will be wonderful to have them back full time after Easter. We are looking forward to seeing:

S3 Learners on Tuesday 30th March

#wentyoubackforgood



Senior Phase Up-date:

Again, it has been so good to see our S4/5/6 learners back in school for the all-important live delivery of essential work, in preparation for assessments after the Easter break. S4/5/6 learners have had so much to contend with over the past year, and we are committed to giving them the best in-school experience to enhance their remote learning at home to prepare them for assessments next term.

Next week we continue to see:

S5/6 Learners on	Mon 29th and Wed 31st March
S4 Learners on	Thurs 1 st April (Friday 2.4.21 is a holiday)

SQA Up-date:

The Assessment Block Letter for parents/carers and the Assessment Block Calendar will follow later today and we are currently finalising a 'How to Study Guide' for all senior phase pupils and this should be ready to issue week beginning Mon 29.3.21.

Also, the SQA have produced a booklet for senior pupils which can be accessed by following the link below:

[What you need to know for 2021 - National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher - SQA](#)

Copies of this booklet should arrive in your letter boxes prior to the Easter break.

Dates for your diary:

- **Easter Break:** This year the Easter break will be from Friday 2nd April – Friday 16th April inclusive, with the start of term 4 on Monday 19th April.
- **May Day:** Schools will be on holiday on Monday 3rd May.
- **Please note there is no Monday holiday on 7th June for the Ellon Cluster Schools**
- **Additional Inservice days:** The Scottish Government have agreed 2 additional in-service days to support school in meeting the SQA requirements for school staff to work on pupil's assessment evidence, draft predicted grades and the quality assurance processes necessary to meet SQA deadlines. It has been agreed that these 2 additional in-service days will be on Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th June.

Website up-dates:

Please follow the link below to the latest up-dates on our Ellon Academy school website:

<https://ellonacademy.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/parent-zone/>

Thank you once more for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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