



Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April

Dear parents and carers,

I hope this letter finds you safe and well!

As you will know, we break up on Friday for the Easter break, returning to school on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April. It has been a busy and successful half term with lots of lovely celebrations and events. We have our Easter celebration assemblies this week and will be giving out SALE award badges plus Easter egg prizes for great attendance, achievement and effort. In the last few weeks, we have also had the Ten X challenge with teams in Year 9 competing to promote and sell a product or service of their design against the other teams. It has been great fun and brilliant watching the teams develop! Huge congratulations to all who took part so brilliantly.

### **Changes to Covid legislation**

As you will be aware, the legislation around testing and isolation has changed. Free testing is no longer available and we have been instructed not to issue any more LFT tests to staff or students.

The guidance is as follows. If your child has symptoms of a respiratory infection- such as Covid 19, have a high temperature and does not feel well enough to come to school or carry out normal activities they are advised to stay home and avoid contact with others until they are well enough to attend school. Please inform the school in the normal way if your child will not be in. The link to further guidance is below. Thank you

[People with symptoms of a respiratory infection including COVID-19 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/people-with-symptoms-of-a-respiratory-infection-including-covid-19)

### **Uniform**

Generally, we are very pleased with the standard of students' uniform. However, we have seen an increase in the numbers of young people coming to school without a tie. Please ensure that your child has the correct uniform over Easter ready for return. We are able to sell some items of school uniform- ties and the kilt – through school. If parents would like to purchase from school – please contact the school office to arrange payment via ParentPay.

Before the pandemic, we ran a daily standards detention for students. We will be starting this again after Easter as necessary. This detention will be straight after school and supervised by myself or other members of the senior leadership team. These detentions will be for 30mins. I will be focussing initially on incorrect uniform and calm and sensible behaviour around the building. I have spoken to the students about this in assembly so they are aware of our focus. You will receive a Groupcall if your child has a standards detention, which will be directly after school on the same day. Thank you in advance for your support with this. Last time we ran it, it was extremely effective in ensuring great standards of uniform and behaviour.

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### **Lost Property**

We have lots of unclaimed lost property in school. Please prompt your child to visit Student Services if they have lost an item.

### **Sad Goodbyes**

We will be saying goodbye to Mrs Dempsey at the end of term. I can honestly say that Mrs Dempsey is one of the most gifted teachers I have ever seen in the classroom. She has been a brilliant Head of English. The students have benefitted enormously from having her- as we all have. I know that many students will be saying special personal farewells and we will also be marking her departure as a school. We wish her lots of luck in her new post and say a massive thanks for the brilliant service she has shown our young people and community.

We return to school after the holiday on the 25<sup>th</sup> April at normal time. We are off on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April in lieu of the Queens Jubilee and May 2<sup>nd</sup> for the Bank Holiday.

Year 11 exams begin with Languages speaking exams on the 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> of April and then continue in earnest the next week. Mr Williams has written home re the Year 11 revision sessions over Easter and Year 11 students need to 'book on' to these sessions. Year 11 should be working hard revising over the holiday. Year 10 should also be preparing for their RE GCSE.

Have a great Easter break

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jayne O'Grady". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Ms J O'Grady**  
**Headteacher**