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Dear Parents and Carers,

NEW SESSION AUGUST 2024

I trust you and your families are well, and that young people are enjoying the last few days of the summer holidays. We are looking forward to the new term and to welcoming pupils back to school on Wednesday. I write with some detail to help you prepare for the return.

Arrival at school

Pupils from S2-S6 have their timetables from June, and should follow these from Wednesday. Upon the start of the school day at 8:50, pupils should report to their period 1 class and continue their day as normal. Any pupil in S2-S6 who does not have their timetable should arrive in school early and report to the appropriate Year Head in the concourse who will provide another copy.

S1 first day information

S1 pupils should report to the concourse where they will be organised into classes and escorted to lessons. Parents who are bringing S1 pupils to school should drop them off at the gate (please do not drive down Academy Street – it is a dead end and extremely busy). A letter containing more detailed information for S1 pupils was sent to parents last week.

iPads

Pupils in S2 and above have iPads. These should be brought to school, fully charged, with all other necessary equipment. S1 pupils will receive their iPads as soon as possible. Please note that we make every effort to repair or replace damaged iPads. However, in many cases recently this has not been possible, leaving some pupils without a device. It is vital, therefore, that pupils take very good care of their iPads.

School uniform

School uniform helps promote equity, engenders a sense of belonging and a work ethic, and helps us maintain school security. For these reasons, I am a very strong believer in it. Pupils should come to school suitably dressed, in line with our uniform policy. A copy of this is available [here](#) and details very clearly items that are and are not acceptable. Please note that tracksuit and jogging trousers are not, and have never been, part of school uniform.

SQA exam results

Congratulations to our pupils in last year's S4, S5, and S6 on their excellent exam results, which are once again the best on record in many cases! Our young people worked incredibly hard, and deserve enormous credit for their achievements. I'm grateful to the Eastbank staff for supporting them through these assessments, and to parents and families for your ongoing support with your children's education. I will provide more detailed information in early course.

Attendance and punctuality

School attendance and punctuality affect exam results. Pupils who attend school every day, and are always on time, are far more likely to do well in their exams. Those pupils who regularly miss days of school, miss lessons, or arrive late to school are more likely to perform poorly in their exams. I need a concerted effort



from all young people to have excellent attendance and excellent timekeeping, and I'm sure that all will be keen to start the year positively, as they mean to go on.

I look forward to seeing our young people for the new session on Wednesday morning.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Graham', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jonathan Graham
Head Teacher

