



Dear Parent / Carer,

End of Term 1

As we approach the end of our first term back at school I wanted to say again how much we appreciate your continued support in these very challenging times. Although we now head into a 2 week October break the recent restrictions announcement for our area limits what we can do over this period. I hope all of our families stay well and can at least get a break from the normal daily routines.

Before we head off to the break I would like to update / clarify a few matters from recent communications,

SQA

You will now be aware that N5 examinations have been cancelled and Higher / Adv. Higher examinations will be altered. We are now in the process of analysing the guidance (still waiting for some) and we will inform pupils and parents of our planned approach early in the new term.

Progress

Our 'Progress' system is currently being updated and we have asked our parents of senior phase pupils to log on and look at their child's progress in learning to date. This is a live system and for some there will be comments, but for others at this stage it will simply show their predicted potential grade and their progress towards it (coding for this is explained in a letter that will be sent to all senior phase parents).

This process will be repeated for S1-3 at the start of next term and more information will be sent early in the new term. S1 parents will be issued with their log in details and an explanation of the system and S2/3 parents will have the opportunity to have them re-issued if required.

Parent Council

We have now had 2 very successful online parent information sharing sessions with an increased number of parents participating. These meetings are valuable opportunities for us as a school to hear from our parents and your feedback goes a long way to supporting our decision making and future actions.

Changes to the school week

Our new school week will begin when we return from our October break. School continues to start at 8.55am with a new finish time 5 minutes earlier on a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. **The main change is on a Wednesday where we will now finish at 2.40pm.** Thanks again to all parents who supported us by responding. Full details of the school week can be found on our website – Resources – Virtual School Bag – Changes to the school week.



Health and Safety

The recent announcement of tougher restrictions should serve as a stark reminder to our whole school community of the importance of following our Health and Safety guidance. Across our pupils and staff we have a number of people who are particularly vulnerable and I am grateful for your support with our new protocols.

School Uniform

We take great pride in our pupils visibly showing they are part of Lornshill Academy through wearing their school uniform. I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents before the new term of the standards agreed by our pupils and parents through our school Parliament.

- ✓ All black footwear
- ✓ Black trousers or skirt
- ✓ White shirt/blouse
- ✓ School tie
- ✓ School blazer
- ✓ Plain black cardigan / jumper

Thanks again to all parents who continually support us with school uniform. We have a number of items through our school uniform drive available to support pupils if required. Please get in touch with the relevant House Head who will provide confidential support with uniform.

Please take care and stay safe over the October break.

Kind regards

Tom Black
Head Teacher