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Head Teacher Patrick Oberg

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you all had a restful break over the festive period. As you may know, I have been away from school for a little longer due to the birth of my daughter last month. Thank you for your well wishes.

Now we are back at school, there is much to update you on.

Prelim examinations

Prelim exams in S4,5 and 6 begin on Monday and run until 19th January. A separate communication has come home with regard to this. These examinations form a critical part of the journey to final assessment so we really appreciate your support in ensuring that young people are well prepared. Our study support evenings last term were really well attended and supported study, alongside more targeted approaches to helping young people, will continue throughout the term.

SQA

The Covid situation is ever-changing but the current situation is that there will be an exam diet in April/May as there was every year until 2020.

Pink for Paige

Our Pink for Paige day on 3rd December was an enormous success. We raised over £700 for Mental Health charities. More importantly we showed our true community spirit in coming together to remember. Everyone who wore pink, sported a wristband, or walked around Hogganfield was a credit to our school and their families. Paige will always be one of us.

Parents Evenings

We were rather hoping that we would be able to have face-to-face parents' evenings this term. Omicron has put paid to that.

Instead we will be holding parents' evenings virtually using an online 'Parent Booking system'. This will give you the chance to have a phone conversation with teaching staff regarding the progress of your young person in specific subject areas. This is an approach that has worked well across Glasgow in other schools since August 2021. More details will follow from the relevant year head in time for the relevant evenings.

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- S2 20th January S5/6 – 10th February S4 – 17th February S3 – 17th March
- S1 19th May

Covid-19

Please remind your young person of the importance of hand sanitizing and wearing their face covering. Remember also that all young people are advised to complete twice-weekly Lateral Flow testing, please see the school website for details if you would like your young person to take part.

These mitigations are as important as ever. Do not send your young person to school if they have symptoms of COVID 19. Isolate and book a PCR test.

As ever, thanks for all your support.

Yours Faithfully

Patrick Oberg