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Hello,

Highland Council have published details on their expectations about Study Leave for the upcoming diet of exams. Below is a summary and the full document can be seen on our website.

Exam Preparation Arrangements 2021/22

- **For 2021/22 Exam Preparation Time, study leave has been agreed** from Monday 25 April to Friday 27 May inclusive. Those pupils sitting exams after this period should return to school the day following their final exam.
- **All pupils who intend to leave school at the end of May** can take the full period of Exam Preparation Time, provided all outstanding course assessments have been completed. Pupils may follow available alternative programmes to meet individual needs during this time.
- **All returners sitting 6 subjects at National 5 or 3 or more subjects at Higher or above**, may take the full period of Exam Preparation Time, provided all outstanding course assessments have been completed.
- **All returners sitting no exams** should participate in a programme of skills for life, learning and work combined with possible work placements. This will be offered by a wide partnership of providers. These programmes may be organised on a local grouping basis. Some of this programme may involve project work to be completed out with school. Pupils may follow available alternative programmes to meet individual needs during this time.
- **All returners sitting a mix of National 4/5 subjects or fewer than 3 subjects at Higher** may be allowed a reduced period of leave based on the timing and number of exams. The decision making for this will be agreed within schools based on individual needs. Pupils may follow available alternative programmes to meet individual needs during this time.

Over the coming weeks we will be communicating with pupils in the last two categories about what the provision for them will look like in May.

Easter Study Support

Online Study Support is available in the Easter holidays- pupils have been encouraged to sign up for e-Sgoil Easter Study Support. At the time of writing, I have been advised that I will be given some funding to run in-school Study Support but I do not yet know how much funding and therefore how comprehensive this will be. Details will be shared via the Daily Bulletin that any parent can access via the school website.

Assemblies

Senior Management have just finished two weeks of assemblies. The first week of assemblies were delivered by the Year Heads and focused on expectations and opportunities and the second week was delivered by me and focused on an update about the building works and then an explanation of what I believe Culloden Academy is and how we get there. My message was that Culloden Academy is not a building, it is a community and as we are all part of this community we need to work together to succeed together. Lockdown, masks, social distancing and lack of social activities have all harmed that sense of community but it feels very good to have started to rebuild it again.

Mobile Phone Policy

We have now finished our consultation about a Mobile Phone policy and below is the policy that we will implement from the first day of term after the holidays. It is not a significant change from current practice - more of a clarification for all parties. I hope you find the information useful.

The following policies have been proposed to ensure a fair and modern system for mobile phones. It applies to all students. Pupils have indicated that they believe mobile phones to be fantastic tools for connection, for education and that their capacity to play music can be a real help to students with and without learning difficulties.

- Pupils can bring Mobiles/Smartphones to school but the school is not liable for any damage that happens if a pupil chooses to do so.
- The PE department offer safe storage of phones and pupils are strongly encouraged to use this facility when in the department.
- Taking photographs and videos of people without their permission is not allowed. Taking photographs of certain pieces of work is fine, as long as no one is in the picture without their consent. If it is suspected that someone is taking pictures or videos, it will be referred to the Year Head.
- Using mobile devices to bully and threaten other students or staff is unacceptable. Cyber bullying will not be tolerated.
- Phones are not to be used during class time without the express permission of the teacher. This includes occasions when a pupil is sent on a message or is going to the toilet.
- Pupils are not allowed to listen to music in class unless given permission to do so by the teacher on that day.
- Having a phone out walking between classes is okay – most pupils have their timetables on their phones. Pupils should not have earphones in when walking between lessons so that they are aware of what is happening around them.
- If you are awaiting urgent information from a parent or carer, please advise them to contact the school office who will relay the information to you as quickly as possible.

Consequences

1. If using in class without permission – the phone is taken away by the teacher and returned to pupil at end of lesson.
2. If a pupil refuses to hand over their phone/is a repeat offender – the phone will go to the Year Head who contacts parents. Pupil may collect phone at 3:40

Best wishes,



Dr J Vance
Rector