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Hello,

Highland Council have announced their arrangements for pupils sitting exams this session (study leave) and I would like to share these with you. The arrangements depend on both the number of qualifications and your child's future plans so please scan through the paragraphs below to find the description that best suits. If in doubt, please contact your young person's Guidance Teacher.

For 2022/23 study leave has been agreed from **Monday 24 April to Friday 26 May** inclusive. Those pupils sitting exams after this period, listed below, should return to school the day following their final exam.

- Monday 29 May: Psychology, Drama
- Tuesday 30 May: Childcare and Development, Design and Manufacture

**All pupils who intend to leave school at the end of May** can take the full period of study leave, provided all outstanding course assessments have been completed. We will confirm with pupils before the start of study leave if and when we require them in to complete work.

**All returners sitting 6 subjects at National 5 or 3 or more subjects at Higher or above**, may take the full period of study, unless we need to 'invite' them in to complete outstanding course assessments.

**All returners sitting no exams** should be offered the chance to 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. 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. If you would like your child to participate in this opportunity please ring and notify their Guidance teacher.

**All returners sitting a mix of National 4/5 subjects or fewer than 3 subjects at Higher** should be allowed a reduced period of leave based on the timing and number of exams. Once exam timetables are confirmed, we will contact these learners and offer them part time places on the courses outlined above.

We have a S4/5 Parents' Information Evening on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 6.30pm to explain what their S5/6 can and may look like. If you wish to discuss any aspect of Study Leave options at the same time, I'm happy to chat to you after the presentation.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Vance". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped 'J' and a distinct 'V'.

Dr J Vance  
Rector